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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

BALTIMORE, *July* 26, 1927.

To the Maryland Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:

The publication of the forty-fifth volume of the Archives of Maryland, which should have appeared in the year 1926, has been unavoidably delayed by the death of the editor, Bernard Christian Steiner, which occurred before the volume had been fully prepared for the press.

The loss of Dr. Steiner, unquestionably the outstanding authority on Maryland history, is felt by none more keenly than by his associates on the Publication Committee of the Maryland Historical Society, who have so long enjoyed the advantage of his peculiar qualifications for the position of editor of the Archives of Maryland, which he has held for the past ten years.

In the desire that an adequate record be made of Dr. Steiner's services to the history of his state, the committee has intrusted the writing of the Introduction of this volume to Lawrence C. Wroth, Librarian of the John Carter Brown Library, a scholar deeply interested in early Maryland, and one who was for many years closely associated with Dr. Steiner. Mr. Wroth gives an interesting summary of Dr. Steiner's numerous and important contributions to the history of Maryland.

SAMUEL K. DENNIS,
J. HALL PLEASANTS,
JOHN M. VINCENT,
Committee on Publication.

INTRODUCTION.

This forty-fifth volume of the Archives of Maryland is the sixth volume in the sub-series of state documents relating to the period of the Revolutionary War. The Council Proceedings were copied from Liber C. B. No. 24, and the correspondence of the Council from Liber No. 78; both of these are contemporary copies of which the original rough minutes and drafts are in the keeping of the Maryland Historical Society. The letters and reports to the Council are from two sources in the possession of the Society; namely, the three series of bound volumes of manuscripts known familiarly as the Black, Brown and Red Books from the color of their bindings, and a mass of bundles of manuscripts arranged in chronological order by Charles Fickus some five years ago. These sources are more fully described in the introduction to Volume 43. Material drawn from the bound volumes is identified in the margin of the present volume by name of series and number of document, while papers taken from the second source are located by a date reference only. The marginal references showing the date and source of each document are an innovation in the editing of the series, begun with this volume. As in other recent volumes of the Archives, much space has been saved and, we believe, no interest lost by the excision of formal headings and conclusions of letters. The preparation of the copy was begun and carried out by the late editor of the Archives of Maryland, Bernard Christian Steiner, from copies made by Miss Lucy Harwood Harrison, and the publication of the volume has been effected by J. Hall Pleasants, with the help of Charles Fickus and Miss Carolina Virginia Davidson.

It is not the purpose of this introduction to increase the size of a volume already one of the largest in the series by detailed reference to matters of especial interest in the collection. It is enough to say that the volume carries on the proceedings and correspondence of the Council for the years 1780 and 1781, a period in the War of Independence when men's hearts and minds were strained as they had not been at any time earlier in the struggle, because now they could begin to feel a fearful hope for its successful outcome. We are having historians lately who by the practice of insidious literary gifts attempt to weaken our inherited reverence for the men and ideals of the Revolution. Most of us are quick to admit that these writers have done good in correctly labelling much that was unworthy in motive and action, but that they have ignored or failed to understand the vitality of the spirit of opposition that finally gained the victory is obvious to one who reads ever so hastily such a collection of contemporary papers as is found in this new volume of the

Maryland Archives. Here indeed is a tale of purpose strongly and patiently held. The military story of the struggle, glorious as it is in many respects, is actually less interesting in the pondering than this day by day record of recruiting with a "small Bounty & the want of Music"; of keeping in the field of action men who wanted to be in the wheat field, where indeed they were equally needed; of purchasing food and clothing and supplies without money or credit; of guarding against the effects of blockade, against treachery or open enmity, and worst of all, against that indifference to the outcome which for various reasons infected the people of the whole country. In reading such collections of documents as this, one realizes anew that wars are fought and won in the council chamber; the victory of the troops in the field is but a seal put upon the more fundamental victory that has previously occurred, an outward and visible sign of the spiritual grace to which the people behind the armies have attained.

In this particular struggle Maryland was putting forth efforts of self denial that resulted in good things for the nation. "It is vain to veil our situation, the Army must disband, unless other states will do as Maryland has done," John Henry, Jr., writes to the Governor from Congress, and the reference is not to that singularly effective service the Maryland troops were performing in the field but to the unremitting and successful efforts the State was making to supply the army with the flour, beef, pork, clothing and arms that were its essentials of existence. An act of Assembly of November, 1779, had provided for the seizure of food stuffs for the army and for the payment of tax assessments in kind or in the certificates of seizure given the producer by the commissioners, and acts of the same tenor in 1780 and 1781 had resulted in a success not less notable than the internal bitterness the system inevitably produced.

Only the hand and intelligence of the late editor of the Archives of Maryland could have analyzed succinctly this mass of material, and that statement brings us to a consideration of the service of Bernard Christian Steiner as editor of this series. It was in this task that his knowledge of events in the history of his native state, as shown in his numerous writings on the subject, and his knowledge of the sources upon which that history is based found their finest exposition. To this peculiar comprehension of the material, he added a degree of industry almost alarming to the man of ordinary habits, a determination to complete a task once assumed and a passion for the particular work in hand that made him an ideal editor of archival material. A trained investigator, he understood the importance of comparing documents, of checking manuscript by printed sources and of avoiding repetition by the use of cross reference. In the handling of masses of printer's copy, the mere carpenter work of paste

and scissors, the cutting and joining that usually are so irksome to the editor, he developed a dexterity that was far from being a thing of hand and eye alone. The moments that would have been counted idle in another man's daily schedule were filled with this laborious task of compilation, selection and rejection, of the preparation of copy and the reading of proof, and after his assumption of the task of editor in 1916, each succeeding year saw the publication under his auspices of an uncommonly large volume of the Archives.

The sort of success that Dr. Steiner met with as editor of the series is not to be explained by a mere physical adaptation to the task. As in most things, so in this, "knowledge is power." His ability to edit successfully the source materials of the history of his state rested, as has just been said, upon the familiarity with the printed and manuscript resources he had acquired in the course of original investigations made by him over a period of thirty years. It is fitting that there should be listed in this Memorial Introduction the titles of the works on the history of Maryland which came from his pen in a generation of literary production. The following list of titles has been compiled by Dr. Walter R. Steiner of Hartford, Connecticut.

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The History of University Education in Maryland.
J. H. U. Studies in Hist. and Pol. Sc., 1891, IX, 7-37.

Secondary Education in Maryland.
Catalogue of Frederick College, 1893, 14-21.

The History of Education in Maryland.
Washington, 1894, 8 vo., 1-331.

The Citizenship and Suffrage of Maryland.
Baltimore, 1895, 8 vo., 1-95.

Cokesbury College the First Methodist Institution of Higher Education.
Baltimore Methodist, 1895, 3-25.

The Electoral College for the Senate of Maryland and the Nineteen Van Buren Electors.
Am. Hist. Ass., 1895, 129-167.

Public Libraries in Maryland.
The Library Journal, 1895, XX, 346-347.

Rev. Thomas Bray and His American Libraries.
Am. Hist. Rev., 1896, II, 57-75.

The Protestant Revolution in Maryland.
Am. Hist. Ass. Report, 1897, 279-353.

A List of Those Who Governed Maryland before It Was Made a Royal Province.
Penn. Mag. of Hist. and Biography, 1898, XXII, 98-101.

Life and Administration of Sir Robert Eden.
J. H. U. Studies in Hist. and Pol. Sc., 1898, XVI, 7-8-9.

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Report of Commissioner of Education, 1898-99, 577-603.
The Institutions and Civil Government of Maryland.
Boston, 1899, 12 mo., 1-410.
The Restoration of the Proprietary of Maryland and the Legislation against the Roman Catholics during the Governorship of Capt. John Hart (1714-1720).
Am. Hist. Ass. Report, 1899, 232-307.
Early Maryland Poetry.
Fund Publications Md. Hist. Soc., 1900, No. 36, 1-102.
The Library of the Maryland Historical Society.
The New Pedagogue, Feb., 1900, 101-102.
Maryland's Adoption of the Federal Constitution.
Am. Hist. Rev., 1899 and 1900, V, 22-44 and 207-224.
Maryland's First Courts.
Am. Hist. Ass. Report, 1901, 213-229.
Rev. Thomas Bray. His Life and Selected Works Relating to Maryland.
Ed. by Bernard C. Steiner, Md. Hist. Soc. Fund Publications, 1901, 1-253.
Western Maryland in the Revolution.
J. H. U. Studies in Hist. and Pol. Sc., 1902, XX, 1.
Beginnings of Maryland, 1631-1639.
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J. H. U. Circulars, 1903, XXIII, 41-43.
Two Eighteenth Century Missionary Plans.
The Sewanee Rev., 1903, XI, 289-305.
Dr. Richard Brooke, the First Scientific Observer in Maryland.
J. H. H. Bull., 1904, XV, 294-296.
Descriptions of Maryland.
J. H. U. Studies in Hist. and Pol. Sc., 1904, XXII, 1-9.
A Frenchman's Impressions of Maryland and Virginia in 1791.
The Sewanee Rev., 1904, XII, 52-72.
Maryland in the Revolution.
The South Atlantic Quarterly, 1904, III, 232-238.
The First Lord Baltimore and His Colonial Projects.
Am. Hist. Ass. Report, 1905, I, 109-122.
Maryland During the English Civil Wars, Part I.
J. H. U. Studies in Hist. and Pol. Sc., 1906, XXIV, 11-12.
Life and Correspondence of James McHenry.
Cleveland, 1907, 8 vo., 1-640.
Maryland During the English Civil Wars, Part II.
J. H. U. Studies in Hist. and Pol. Sc., 1907, XXV, 4-5.
A New Light on Some Maryland Loyalists.
Ibid., 133-137.
Reports of the British Board of Trade and Plantations while Maryland Was a Royal Province.
Md. Hist. Mag., 1907, II, 363-367.

Severn Teacle Wallis.
The Sewanee Rev., 1907, XV, 58-74 and 129-147.
Benedict Lenard Calvert, Governor of the Province of Maryland from 1727-1731.
Ibid., 191-227 and 283-342.
The Maryland Charter and Early Explorations.
The Sewanee Rev., 1908, XVI, 148-167.
Maryland Privateers in the American Revolution.
Md. Hist. Mag., 1908, III, 99-103.
Dr. James McHenry's Speech in the Maryland House of Delegates in November, 1787.
Md. Hist. Mag., 1909, IV, 336-344.
Eighteenth Century Letters from Italy.
The Sewanee Rev., 1909, XVII, 160-187.
History of Maryland from 1865-1909.
Ibid., 210-235.
Maryland and the West.
The South Atlantic Quarterly, 1909, VIII, 207-214.
More About Rev. Samuel Knox.
Ibid., 276-279.
New Light on Maryland History from the British Archives.
Ibid., 251-262.
The Province of Maryland from 1608-1776.
Hist. of the Southern States, Vol. I, Richmond, 1909, 149-177.
Rousby and Dulany Papers.
Ibid., 388-390.
Brantz Mayer.
Md. Hist. Mag., 1910, V, 1-22.
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Ibid., 139-150.
More Fragments from the English Archives.
Ibid., 245-249.
Maryland Under the Commonwealth.
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Md. Hist. Mag., 1912, VII, 91-98.
The Chief Executive Officers of Maryland during the Colonial Period.
Ibid., 321-328.
Kent County and Kent Island, 1656-1662.
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Van Buren's Maryland Correspondence.
Ibid., 141-149.
Life of Reverdy Johnson.
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Disturbances Concerning the Delaware Boundary.
Ibid., 369-371.
Noah Webster in Maryland.
Ibid., 259-261.
Taney's Letters to Van Buren in 1860.
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The Tobacco Stint.
The Patriotic Marylander, 1915, Vol. I, 34-42.
Life of Henry Winter Davis.
Baltimore, 1916, 12 mo., 1-416.
President Gilman and the Group System of Collegiate Instruction.
Educational Rev., 1916, LI, 81-88.
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Md. Hist. Mag., 1917, XII, 115-141.
The City's Public Library.
City and State, 1919, I, 6.
Maryland History and the Maryland Historical Society.
Md. Hist. Mag., 1919, XIV, 10-26.
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The Maryland Bulletin, 1920, XL, 123-127.
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The Maryland Bible Society, 1921, 9-40.
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Md. Hist. Mag., 1926, XXI, 1-20.

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In bringing to an end this brief record of the work of Dr. Steiner as historian and editor, there may be added a few words in appreciation of a certain personal characteristic that remains a pleasant memory with his friends and with many others who came only into very casual relations with him. This characteristic was his readiness to help anyone who came to him for guidance in historical problems and for information as to sources and method. His knowledge, his retentive memory, his experience were all at the service of the serious student of history, and the needed assistance was imparted with a willingness and often with a zealous interest that inspired the searcher to effort as well as pointed the direction his investigation should take, for though Dr. Steiner was skillful beyond the ordinary in the editing of archival material, his enduring interest was in the living stream of historical research and interpretation. It is with a desire to emphasize the loss in Bernard Christian Steiner of an excellent servant of the State of Maryland that the present Introduction is brought to an end.

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LETTERS TO THE COUNCIL.

July 1–December 31, 1780.

[Thomas Sim Lee, Governor; John Hoskins Stone, Jeremiah Townley Chase, James Brice, Daniel Carroll and John Brice, Councillors. On Nov. 13th and 14th, 1780, the Governor and Council were re-elected with the exception that Samuel Turbutt Wright was elected in place of John Brice.]

[Richard Haff to Gov. Lee] 1780 July

Hon^{ble} S^{r} As I am Informed that there is a Capt appointed and Men for the use of Magazine Guard, to Releive me and the Men. The men Daily wanting to Leave me, as they think the wages is not Sufficient @ £40 p^{r} Month and Col^{o} Price Raising the Wheat @ 60 Dollars p^{r} Bushell and Flour @ £75 p^{r} ^{Ct} and the Men being Poor and having all Familes to support them of their Wages. So your hon^{r} will take it in Consideration on Raising there pay. the men are all willing to stay with me. if your hon^{r} Pleases to appoint me as Capt^{n} for that Purpose. I would act as such, or Otherwise I Intend if your hon^{r} Pleases I would Act as waggon Master in this Reg^{t} and go to Camp So your Hon^{r} Pleases to Direct me how I am to Proceed.

[John Reid, Capt., Fort Frederick, to Gov. Lee.] July 1

Sir Since I have had the Honor to receive an Appointment from Your Excellency to the Command of a Comp^{y} of Infantry to be raised to serve within this State.

I have the Satisfaction to Inform Your Excellency that I have used my utmost exertions to raise men for the purpose but have not as yet met with that success which I promised to myself, owing in my opinion to the small Bounty & the want of Music, to enable me to form a Recruiting Party which I have not been able to procure

I have Inlisted sixteen men who are now Acting at this Garrison as a Guard over the British Pris^{rs} of war & hope in a Short time to be on a more respectable footing.

July 1 Shou'd your Excellency be Pleased to send me an order for thirty suits of Cloaths with Blanketts I think it wou'd serve to encourage those already enlisted whose extreme want of Cloathing not only urges the necessity but wou'd be the means of engaging the Services of others

I received Your Excellency's order on the Sheriff of Washington County for seven thousand five Hund. dollars for the purpose of recruiting which tho not nearly expended have embraced this opportunity by Col° Rawlings, who waits on Your Excellency to solicit your order for four thousand more for the same, as well as for other purposes of satisfying the Soldiers their Pay &c^a^ and expect to have it in my Power to render y^r^ Excellency a Satisfactory Acco^t^ of the disbursements of the whole.

I have to inform Your Excellency that I have derived no Assistance from M^r^ William Piles who was appointed Lieu^t^ to the Company he has not as yet Acted as such nor have I any reason from his sentiments to me on the Subject as well as from Information believes he intends to serve if he has not before this time return'd Your Excellency his resignation

Should M^r^ Piles have declined serving and no appointment as yet made I cou'd wish to recommend to Your Excellencys notice M^r^ Gabiel Jacobs who from his inclination to serve is in my opinion in every respect Quallified for Place of Ensign

July 1 [Jno. Taylor, Williamsburg to Gov Lee]

Dear Sir In answer to yours of the 16^th^ ult° I wrote you last post which informed of my not being Able to supply you with the Quantity of Tobacco you required for your different Vessells, on acc^t^ of its being much higher here then your limmits. I informed of the Trial of the brig being last thursday, but could not possibly attain it, on acc^t^ of one of the Judges who reside at Hampton not appearing. Yesterday an Express arrived here informing of a fleet of 25 sail of the enemys Vessells being in this bay, they Gave Chace to an outward bound fleet from this of About 30 Sail, who were out side the Capes, on finding the Enemy so formidable they all returned, without receiving much dammage the Greatest part of our fleet is Gon up James River past this Town. & the Enemy remain at hampton Road.

What they are, or, what their intentions may be, is yet a matter unknown. tis Either a fleet of Privateers waiting for our outward bound fleet, or A fleet with Troops on board to take port, some where near the Capes rather immagine it to be the former.

I orderd Capt. Flint to bring over a Quantity of the wine here four days ago, but now begin to immagine he may have fallen in with the Enemy, I have not heard any acc^t^ from Cap^t^ McNaughton

since my last I have petitiond the Governour & Council to Get the use of a cont[l] [?] Gally which lay at Matompkin (deserted by the Capt & Crew) for a Droger for the Ship, I dont mean to put her full load in [until] she Gows over the Barr & then send the Remainder, out by the Gally. July 1

I have desired in my petition that a Capt. & Crew may be furnished, to the Gally as there is Verry Great Danger of the Enemy making an attempt to set fire to the Ship, however I do not Expect, the latter will be complyed with, as the Legislature of this State are Exceedingly Backward in Every matter of that kind, they are verry contemtible in the Eyes of the people here. they keep two Captial Ships up at Richmond, where thers no call for them & no vessells down at the capes but 2 lookout boats as they call them, which have some swivels mounted I have seen one whale boat, with a few men without Arms, Chase them for life boats [?]. Such is the protection the Valluable Trade of Chesapeake receives from the State, there has been upwards of twenty prizes taken lately in the bay by small boats, however they were all Gon out with their Booty before I crossd the bay

[Geo P. Keeports to Gov Lee] July 1
Red Book
No. 30
Letter No. 7

An Account of Cannon &c: Deliver'd M[r] Hugh Young By Order of His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esq[r]

1779 Novem[r] 21[st] 5 Nine pound Cannon, 6 Worms for D°, 5 Laddles for D°, 4 d° for Four Pounders, 3 Worms for d° d°, 10 Gunners Hand Spikes, 6 Lent Stocks, 100 Nine pound Shot.

Lent M[r] Hugh Young Which he is to Return Again 89 Cartridges for 9 Pounders, 3 Quire Cartridge Paper, 1 Four pound Cartridge.

[Jno Johnson A D Q M G for Col Henry Hollingsworth, D. Q. M. G. Head of Elk to Gov. Lee.] July 2
Red Book
No. 29
Letter No. 6

Gentlemen Upon my returning home I found that the fish, that came from M[r] Donnellan, and was purchased of M[r] Hudson, was not sold, owing to there being spoiled, I have wrote M[r] Donnellan about them, acquainting him they lay hear ready to be delivered to his order, there was 25 Barrells spoiled, and 2 it took of those that was good to fill up the rest, which makes 27 Bb[ls] out of the 70 received.

[Jno. Johnson A. D. Q. M. G. for Colo Henry Hollingsworth D. Q. M. G. Head of Elk to T. Donnellan] July 2
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 85

Head of Elk July 2[d] 1780

Sir I received the 70 barrels of Fish shipd by you belonging to M[r] Hudson on examining them found twenty five Barrels spoild and not fit by any means to forward on to the Army I immediately offered them to Sale on your Account at public Vandue, but could not find a bidder for a single Barrel, they now lie here ready to be

July 2 delivered to your order shoud be glad how soon you wou'd please
Red Book No. 26 to send for them as they are much in the way.
Letter No. 85 P. S. there was also 2 Barrels of those that were good tak[g] to fill up the rest.

July 3 [Jos'a Beall, Lieut, P.[s] G[s] C[ty] to Gov. Lee]

S[r] In Consequence of yours of the 24[th] Ultimo I had spoke to some of the field Officers Near Bladensburgh, who seemed Willing to take a part of the Ammunition there, which I had concluded, would be better than selling it, in Case, there shuld happen to be a Scarcity of that Article among us. But on receiving yours of the 29[th] I desired that matter till I here from you again. Inclosed you have a return of the Quantity of Ammunition in this County, as it stood the last time I Examined into it; As I have no reason to doubt but that it Still remains in the same State, I thought it Needless to loose time in taking a fresh Account of it.

As to Publick Arms & Accoutrements, though I have heretofore issued orders for an inquire & return of them agreeable to Law. And likewise those of private property in the County. I can here of but one piece belonging to the Publick, And that in the possession of Tho[s] Contee. And by the return of private Arms there are but 246 pieces fit to fire & 12 Bayonets, & 162 pieces wanting repair in the County. Shuld the other countys be no better provided, a small Number of the Enemie, could very Easily Subdue this State

Return of Armes And Ammunition in Prince Georges Belonging To the Publick 3[d] July 1780

Whereat

	Guns	Powder	Lead	Balls	Shot	F
		lbs.	*lbs.*	*lbs.*	*lbs.*	
Robert Dicks Store Bladenburgh		306	771	18	72	2025
Tho[s]. Clegetts Store Piscatoway		42		829		950
Stephen Wests Store Malbro 13 q[r]. caskes computed		364				
Thomas Contees Nottingham	1	80				700
Coll[l]. Trueman Skinners		10				
at my own house		15	25		83	
Total amount	1	817	796	847	155	3675

July 3 [David Poe, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thom'[s] Sim Lee, Esqr]

Sir Knowing that Your Excellency has made a Purchase of some fish from M[r] Hudson. I have made some enquiry if any more Could be had I have found that there may be purchased on the same terms About one Hundred Barrels Shad; & sixty D[o] Herrings. All of Exceeding Good Qualyty they will be content to Give Credit for about Two Months or upwards if Your Excellency should think

proper to purchase them. Please to Let me know by the Bearer as the Owners has promised not to Dispose of them untill your pleasure should be Known. As I have not Received near the Quantity of Corn that you Ordered the Commissioners to Deliver me, and but a small part of the Bran & shorts as the Greatest part was not Ready when we wanted them most as the Horses belonging to the Line was passing; I was Under the Necessity of Borrowing They now tell me they have your Excellencies Orders to Deliver the whole to M^r^ Donnelan. I begg that you would send an order either to the Commissioners to Deliver me the Quantity Mentioned in your order or Direct M^r^ Donelen to let me have it as the Post must Otherwise suffer I mean the Commissioner for the County as them for the Town had no Bran nor Shorts and I Receiv'd the Corn. July 3

[Upton Sheredine and Ephraim Howard, Frederick County, Certificate] July 4

The Bearer hereof M^r^ Jacob Blythe, having formerly served in the Continental Army as an Ensign; but receiving a Wound in his Side, at the white Plains, in the year 1778, he was obliged to resign, and leave the Service, untill he could get cured of the same. And being now perfectly recovered, and still desirous of Serving his Country, in a Military way, as a Lieutenant in the new Maryland Regiment.

The Subscribers do therefore, hereby Certifie, that the said Jacob Blythe, is a person well attached, to the Cause of America in General, and to the Service of this State in particular; and that, we believe him to be qualified, to fill a Lieutenants Commission in the Army. We do therefore Recommend the said Jacob Blythe to his Excellency the Governor, and the Council of Maryland, for a Lieutenancy in the extra Regiment, proposed, to be raised by this State.

[Chas. Lee Secry Treasury Office to His Excel Governor Lee] July 4 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 181

Sir Your letter of the twenty sixth ult^o^ to the President of Congress has been referred to this Board. They are happy in finding the resolution of the eighteenth of march approved by the State of Maryland and will direct the Quota of new bills required by your State to be prepared and transmitted with as much dispatch as possible. However they beg leave to inform you that the proceedings in that business cannot be begun untill they are furnished with the Act passed by your Legislature in pursuance and ratification of the system proposed in the resolution of the eighteenth of March last. It is essentially necessary to have the date and title of it at least, which you will please to order to this board as soon as possible.

July 5 [H. Hollingsworth, D. Q. M. G., Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thomas S. Lee, in Council.]

Gentlemen A few days since I inclos'd your Excellency & Honors an Account of the Flour, received at this Post, which I hope came safe to hand. the Packetts which came to hand from the Southward on Sunday last was delivered to Congress by the bearer Thoˢ Giles who has been a diligent and Punctual Express at this Post, above two years which I shall continue if supported, shall thank your Excellency & Honors, to furnish me with a List of the Rout, Posts and persons by whom dispatches are to be forwarded, as it does not appear proper to me that my Messengers should go further than Baltimore & Philadª otherways. He may be wanted before He can return and of Course a second will be wanted. (and must be imploy'd)

He now sets out without one shilling to bear his expences nor can I procure any from the Treasury of the United States, your Excellency and Honors will think it a little Extraordinary that tho at this Post, I have about Seventy Teams Continually at work and lately almost as many vessells the ware and tare of these waggons to keep up, all the Grain and Provision to receive Examine (& pack when necessary) Deliver Coopers and fattigue men, to employ and pay, all of which I am from three to six months in arrears too. I say you will think it a little Extraordinary when I tell you I have not received a farthing, to carry on this whole work for near two months. 'tho I have made three formal applications and in my last assur'd the Quarter Master General and Board of War, that the Scene would close and Business stop unless I was supply'd, 'tis well known that we have not been allowed to do any business for ourselves, the last years, therefore can have no money of our own, and as to my own Part. I ever parted with my money to the Public when I had any, without the Least restraint. I mentioned those Circumstances to your Excellency and Honors as a Plea, that the Bearer may be furnished with at least a sum to Pay his expences back, and to enable me to forward him on any future service. He can inform you that his last Journey to Philadª was done on Credit, and let me in this assure you, that I borrowed Pocket Money to come to Annapolis while this state owes me in Certificates about Twelve thousand Pounds, and the United States near Fifty Thousand as a private Debt, and at the same time owe at this Post, which I am a Sponser for above five hundred Thousand, I have kept the Credit of the Post, (to my Satisfaction) untill lately but 'tis all over unless I am relieved Immediately, yesterday one of the Continental vessells was left by the Hand and very honestly told me it was because they saw no Chance of getting their money, the waggoners will follow their Example I fear, as many of them have received no pay since last February. I have been obliged to exchange part the Public Corn for Cloth to make baggs to forward the remainder.

I mention those things to you because I am determin'd to leave no stone unturned, that is in my power to save the Credit of the Post (through which only the Army can be supply'd) the Stoppage of which two weeks will defeat this Campaign, if not Compleat our Ruin, this I can't get the Treasury Board & Board of War to see. I have sent several Vessells to Choptank for the Flour mentioned by your Excellency and Honors, the Capt. of the last informs me that M^{r} Gee who has the Flour in Possession informs him he can send no more untill he is paid for what he is already sent, I mention this not to injure M^{r} M^{c}Gee, but that the necessary measures may be taken and to shew how necessary it is to preserve our Credit July 5

P. S. shall order the next Vessell to Annapolis.

[Sam Smith Balt. to Gov Lee] July 6

Red Book No. 32 Letter No. 16

Sir I Had the Honor to receive an Appointment under a Late Law for the purpose of procuring a Loan to serve the very pressing Emergency & in Consequence applied to the Married Men of this Town. Part of Those who had lent on the occasion for forwarding the officers, say when paid they will lend under the present Law & perhaps add to it, untill paid they refuse advancing a farthing, many say they have trusted the state with large sums and when that is paid they will lend, But two Men have said they will lend, they promise £5000 each when Convenient, when that Convenience will be, depends entirely whether Better sales of property than at present there is a prospect of shall happen. I fear little purpose will be answer'd by this Law

[H. Hollingsworth, D. Q. M. G., Head of Elk, to the Council.] July 6

Gentlemen This will be handed you by Benjamin Furguson Master of the continental Sloop Success, who I have ordered to wait your order for a freight, in consequence of his not being able to procure a load at Choptank, by orders from M^{r} Wetherstrand whoe's factor refuses to deliver any more of the flour &c^{a} in his hands, without being paid the money for what he has delivered, and for the remainder on hand, this I have from him, by Capt^{n} Thomas French who's just arrived with one hundred Barrells of flour and about 700 Bushells of Bran & Shorts, and he acquaints me that there is still a Vessel load or more on hand. you'll please to give him the necessary orders for the above, or for any other Stores, you may have to forward.

[Jona. Hudson, Balto. to Gov. Lee.] July 8

Dear Sir I have drawn an order on you in favour of M^{r} Will^{m} McBride for Eighteen thousand Pounds Cur^{y} on Acc^{t} of Blankets delivered to Capt. George Keypot per Acc^{t} of the State. I hope it will suit you to pay this bill the Blankets belonged to a French Gent^{n}

July 8 who is now here & thinks it hard to be kept out of his Money, he has Purchased a Vessel of M^r McBride & the order above mentioned is in part paym^t a disapointment will be attended with very disagreeable Consequences to a stranger who I know wishes the Cause Well & it was his desire that the State sh^d have these Blankets, not doubting but when he wanted the money he could Command it. I do not only Request paym^t of the above Bill, (w^ch M^r McBride says he can in some measure make easy to you) but for the whole Ballance of the Blankets as the French Gent will leave the Continent in the course of two weeks & will want the whole of his Money to Load & fit out his vessel. I therefore most Earnestly Request that you will please to furnish M^r Keypott with money sufficient for this Purpose, the money you p^d M^r Blake is all that has been p^d on Acc^t of the Blankets & the Ball^ce (Including the above mentioned Bill) is now £53750.

NB. Since Writing the forgoing I have found it Necessary to make the Bill Twenty five thousand two Hundred & thirty Pounds Twelve Shillings & six pence say £25230..12..6 w^ch M^r McBride Promises to make the paym^t Easy to you & hope you will Satisfie him

July 8 [Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excy Govr Lee]

Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 55

Sir You will receive herewith enclosed an Act of Congress of the 7^th Instant, recommending to the State of Maryland to grant Permission to such Agent as the Minister of France shall appoint to purchase in that state any Quantity of Flour not exceeding three thousand Barrels and ship the same to such of the Spanish Colonies in the West Indies as he may direct.

This recommendation is founded on the special request of his Catholic Majesty through the Minister of France to supply the spanish Armament lately arrived in the West Indies

The Minister of France I have no Doubt from his Prudence and good Intentions to serve these States will direct the Purchase in such Manner as shall be most agreeable to you, and best prevent any ill Consequences arising therefrom.

There is no room to doubt from the Nature of the Case, this request will be complied with if the Flour can be spared from the State of Maryland.

July 9 [Richard Harwood Jr, to Council]

[Recommends Robert Welch Jr. for a Captaincy in the new regiment as a man of " great sobriety and assiduity and well attached to his country " James Tootell, Annapolis also recommends Welch.]

July 10 [Wm. Hopewell, Salisbury, to Gov. Lee]

[Asks command of extra regiment and that he be given an answer " as quick as possible."]

[Joseph Dashiell, Worcester County to Gov. Lee] July 10

Sir I this moment Rec^{d} yours by the Barer M^{r} Wilmat Inclosing Sundry Acts of Assembly &c and a Commission for purchasing Salted Provision &c. I Could wish you had fixt a price that you would have been willing I should have given for Each kind their is a Quantity of Salt pork and Backon, which they hold very high & I have reason to beleave in spite of all the Vigilence that has been used to prevent it that our people are Dayly sending to Philadelphia pork &c. Inclos'd you have a return of what Provision we have procured under the Act for an immediat suply of flower &c. We Expect but Very Little more in: I have sent Near three thousand Bhs. Corn to the head of Elk and hope to have the remainder aflote in a few Days: Two hundred & Eighty Bhs of Corn shipt to Trenton town but I have not heard of its arival. Should Be much Oblidge to you for the prices of Salted Provision and Likewise the Prices of Cartage, as I have promis'd those who have Carted the Corn to allow them what ever is given in the public Service for the same Work. and if I Could posably get it to pay them the money as they are Generally poore men that Realy want it, and the Collectors of the Tax refuse to take their Certificates for their Taxes, I immagine that if your Excellency Could send down the Cash and fix a price that abought one hundred Barels of pork, might be had in this County and perhaps a Considerable Quantity of Bacon, tho I do not think they will part with a Barel for Certificats—or Tobacco. You may Rely on my Exertions, in every respect

NB. I should be much Oblidge To you for A Certificate for my Commissions on the purchase of Corn for 6273½ Dollars.

A List of Sundry Persons Corn Purchased of for the use of the State of Maryland Viz.

John Spence	65½	Bushels	@	150/
Edward Pettit	200	—	@	150/
John Robens	100	—	@	150/
William Allen	50	—	@	150/
William Handy	200	—	@	150/
Total	615½			

p Sam^{l} Handy Comss^{r} of Worcester County June 19th 1780

A List of Corn purchas'd in Worcester County for the use of the State of Maryland.

of William Handy	80 Bus^{ls}		Bush^{ls}
Peter Chaille	1100	Isaac Evans	30
William Holland	100	Zadok Purnell	125
Nehemiah Holland	100	John Massey	100
Sarah Purnell	100	William Ironshire	350
Matt. Mumford	60	John Postley	160

July 10

James Houston	109
Outten Sturgis	100
Edm[d] N. Nelms	50
Thomas Fookes	30
Jethro Bowen	200
H. Denis & Selby	2½
William Handy	200
William Aydelott	100
Joshua Sturgis	116
William Allen	232½
Joshua Townsend	150
Comfort Elmore	31½
John White	150
Edward Hammond	140
William Purnell	400
Thomas Purnell	125
David Fassitt	506
Hillery Pitts	100
John Powel	12
John McClain	50
John Gillitt	50
Sarah Collier	100
Mary Bradford	25
Solomon Long	100
John Fassitt	100
Solomon Campbell	100
William Fassitt	50
Thomas Gray jun[r]	75
Thomas Gray Sen[r]	25
Josiah Dale	50
John Hollond	30
William Rownd	40
Henry Franklin	70
Joseph Ironshire	50
William Bratten	20
John Dubberly	100
John Henry	100
Richard Mills	5
John Jones	375
David Fassitt	500
	7078½
George Howard Aydelott.	75

Total—7153½

7153½ Bush[s] Corn @ £7.18 ℔.

£53651½

Sav[g] Errors ℔ Joseph Dashiell

July 11
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 114

[Willm Fitzhugh, Rousby Hall, Patuxent to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Dear Sir This will be Handed to you by Doct[r] John Reader Egan, whom I beg leave to Recommend to Your Excellency. As a Surgeon to one of the Battalions of Militia, If any shou'd be sent from this State to the Army. The young Gentleman is a Good surgeon & a man of Amiable Character.

I am now at this Place Attending my Harvest whether I shall stay to see it Finish'd or not is uncertain & will Depend on the movements The Enemys Fleet shall make in Our Bay. A fleet of more than 20 Ships, Brigs &c went Down the Bay & meeting some of the Enemy near Smiths Point on Potomack, returned in Hast yesterday & are Gone up this River; This is rather Alarming, but I am Apt to believe their fears overcame their Judgment, & that Danger was unequal to their Apprehensions, I shall thereupon wait for farther Advice & be watchful to take Flight on the nearer approach of Real Danger.

Mrs. Fitzhugh Joins with me in respectful Comp[ts] to you your Lady & Family

[George Dashiell, Somerset County, to Gov. Lee]

July 11
Red Book No. 26
Letter No. 32

Sir Your favr of the 29th June came to hand the 9th Ulto by Doctr Winder I have appointed a meeting of the officers on Saturday next for the purpose of making an Account of the Arms Accoutriments and Ammunition in this County belonging to the States, And Shall take particular care to return it to you by the first oppertunity. I shall be carefull to have the Arms repaired and cleaned immediately.

[Geo. P. Keeports Baltimore to Gov. Lee]

July 12
Red Book No. 30
Letter No. 6

May It Please Your Excellency, I Received your Letter Dated the 29th Ulto and have Herewith Transmitted you a Return of the Camp Utensils Arms Ammunition &c, under my Care, have put Four men to Work Imediately on the Receipt of your Letter Cleaning & Repairing the Arms that are Deficient one of which I pay 60 Dollars one 45 Dollars and Two 40 Dollars Each pr Day. I Expect to have the Whole of the Guns Cleaned that will be Fit for Service and put in Good order in About one Month.

I have Examined the stores at Fort Whetstone Point Cannot Find any that may be sold (as Useless as Long as the Cannon are Kept) Except the Brimstone a Fishing Seine @ 74 Bbrl Salt Petre the Spare Carriages and Cariage Wheels and the Spears for Defending the Works Agreeable to the Return Delivered in and Some old Iron. There is 9 or 10 Pieces of Large Hewed White Oak Timber at the Fort which was got for Building a Powder Magazine and a Parcell of Stone which Majr N. Smith says he is Intiled to and Claims as his Property some of the Stone he has Already Taken away and Converted to his Own Use he says he Never made a Charge for the Timber it was Cut on his Land and the Stone also Raised By the Soldiers on his Land.

I have Inclosed you an Acct of the Cannon &c Delivered Mr Hugh Young He is Desirous of Having the Charge made out Against him so that he may pay it (Which he says he will on Demand) and be Enabled to Settle with the Different Owners of the Vessel. he Desired me to mention that Colo Jno Dorsey had some Cannon of the same Demensions about the Time he Received these and was Charged only £2400 pr piece

If your Excellency may think Proper shall Esteem it a Particular Favour to Grant one an Order on Mr Young for Part or the Whole amount, or send me up some Money to Enable me to pay the Workmen I have Imployed Cleaning the Arms and for my own Support As I have Long Since Exhausted all my Small Stocks and am Now in the Greatest Necessity for the Want of Money

July 12 [Thomas Price Frederick Town to the Honourable the Governor & Council]

Gentlemen I Received your favour with the Abstracts of Laws &c Yesterday Morning by King I shall Emediately enter upon the Buisiness and will Make use of every exertion in my power to expedite the same the people of this County are now in the hight of their Harvest & will not I think have it in their power to Deliver Wheat or Flower in Less then two or three weeks as there is Very little old Wheat in the County but I shall endeavour to get them to thresing as soon as their harvest is over, As for Salt meat I beleave there is Very little to be purchased but what much Surprizes me is that an hundred Barrels of as good Salt pork as any on the Continent should be left at this place when it is so much wanted by the Army it was purchased by M^{r} George Murdock under the Direction of the Commissary Gen^{l} last fall this quantity is over and above what is Sufficient for this place I beleave the Commissary Gen^{l} has been made Acquainted with this Circumstance. I should be glad to know how I am to Conduct Myself with respect to the prices of Salt provisions if any should offer one man in the Nighberhood who has a small quantity of Bacon to spare Asks ten Dollars p^{r} pound but I declined taking it.

I apprehend it will be absolutely necessary that I should be furnished with money as there are many people who might spare small quantities of Wheat Salt Meat &c for Ready Cash that would not willingly take Certificates.

I wish to be Instructed wether I am to give the prices Directed in the Act for Recieveing Wheat & Flower for assesments or how I ought to Conduct myself as to the prices of these Articles as soon as posable

July 13 [C. T. Wederstrandt, Queen Ann's County to Gov. Lee]

Sir I received yesterday the Letter your Excellency honoured me with dated the 5th instant. Sencible of the important trust you are pleased to repose in me as Commissary of purchases in this County, I wish it was in my power to execute your orders but my present situation will not permit me to have that Satisfaction. The almost insurmountable difficulties I meet with in Settling my accounts as Assistant Commissary of purchases for want of money to pay where due, and the pressing call from Col. Blaine to furnish him with them, must inevitably draw my attention & take so much of my time as to prevent me to attend properly to a business of such importance: therefore I must desire your Excellency to accept of my thanks & to appoint another Person in this Department; meanwhile that the Service may not Suffer by delay, I shall do my endeavours to your intentions and am now on my way up the County to see what provisions can be procured immediately & if possible shall make purchase

of them. In a few days you'll be informed of the success I'll meet with. July 13

[Joseph Beall, 'Malbro,' to Gov. Lee.]

[Asks for part of his pay] July 13

[Jno. Mitchell, D. Q. M. Gl., Philada, to His Excellency, Gov. Lee] July 13

Sir The inclosed Letters are of the utmost Importance particularly that for Major Galvan, It is the particular request of his Excellency the Chevalier De la Luzurne that you wou'd be pleased to order the Letter for Major Galvan sent forward with the Utmost dispatch the bearer will return here with your comands. If your Excellency will favor me with the names & Stations of the Express's Stationed in your State it will enable me to send on the Dispatches with more expedition & prevent our sending on our Expresses further then necessary

[Rich'd Dallam, Harford County to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee Esqr.] July 14

Sir Mr Benjamin Scott held a first Lieutenancy in the Maryland line, & served some considerable Time with Credit, but from Indisposition was obliged to Resign his Commission & Leave the Army. He has now recovered his Health and is desireous again of serving his Country Line as for some time entittled to the Command of a Company I will now except of one in the Regt extraordinary to be raised. I am Authorised to say that he is a Gentn Who's Conduct & Bravery deserves Your Excellency notice. I also take the Liberty to mention two Other Genn of distinguished merit but who's perticular situation in the Army has heretofore prevented their promotion. Captn Alexander Lawson Smith was appointed early in the beginning of the War to the Command of a Company in a Rifle Regiment: raised between Maryland & Virginia, it being an independent Regiment raised for three years the Officers had no advantage of any Vacancies in the line by which enferior younger Officers have been promoted & Command them, That is gauling to men of feeling & Military Honor,

Captn John Carlile was appoint'd to the Command of a Company in Colo Hasens commonly call'd the Congress regiment which is also detatchd from the Line and he has sum Younger Officers promoted above him.

I have allways felt an unwillingness to mention or Recommend any Gentn for Appointments, but knowing the merrit of these two I cannot avoid recommending them for perferment in the nine Regiments now to be raised. Captn Smith is now in the County and if Honord with a Commission will be active & usefull in procuring Men for the Regiment.

The Situation of this County is discouraging We have not money sufficient in it to give as Bounty for the Substitutes or Recruits that

July 14 might be got. Many Persons are dependent on me for Cash, if I am not supplyd it may be of very disagreeable consequence to some.

If cash could now be advanced to the Farmers for which to be deliverd immediately after Harvest it wld be the surest meathod to procure as speedy supply thereof for the Army which I fear will not otherwise be obtained, for there is Little of the old Crop remaining & something is necessary to induce the Farmers to Thrash out their grain early. Our Crops are exceeding Good.

I have sent persons out to procure Saltd provision I have offerd 8 Dollars for Bacon p^{r} lb but am told that 10 & 12 is what the people expect, I wish to be informed from Your Excellency the price that might or ought to be given As soon as I receive information shall give your Excellency notice of what may be expected from us.

July 15
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 84

[T. Donellan, Baltimore to Gov Lee]

S^{r} This covers the Copy of a Letter Received this day from M^{r} Jn^{o} Johnson A : D : Q. M : G at the Head of Elk respecting the Fish purchased by your Excellency from M^{r} J. Hudson, to whom I immediately communicated said Letter & his answer was that he had nothing farther to do with the Fish

In obedience to Co^{l} Stones Letter of the 25th Inst. June last examined Upshal King's Pork, Three Barrels of w^{ch} was all that was good which I Received from him together with 129 ^{lbs} of Bacon the whole he had of that Specie.

It was not in my power untill this day to Execute Col^{l} Stones orders of the 4th Inst respecting a Quantity of Fish that M^{r} Poe informed your Excellency of, but have now Purchased Eighty Barrels of the Shad and Thirty three Barrels of the Herring and shiped the whole for the Head of Elk together with the Pork & Bacon bought of Upshal King

Four hundred & thirty five Barrels is the whole of the State Flour that has as yet come to the Hands of Your Excellencys Most Obed^{t} Hum : Serv^{t}

[John A Thomas to Council]

July 15 Will accept colonelcy of regiment but no subordinate position.

July 15
Brown Book
No. 5
Letter
No. 4

[Luther Martin, Baltimore, to His Excellency The Governor]

Sir I do myself the Honour to inform your Excellency that a certain Stephen Mitter of the State of Virginia stand indicted in the General Court of this State for High Treason committed within this State. he was committed to the Goal of this County from whence he escaped. soon after which I met with him in Virginia and had him secured and delivered to the Sheriff of Worcester to be sent to Baltimore but he again made his Escape.

I am informed by a Letter of the fifth Instant from Col^{o} T. Bayly one of the Delegates of the State of Virginia, that he is now con-

find at Richmond to take his Trial at then approaching Court for Treason committed against that State. Col Bayly is apprehensive that the Testimony will be incomplete from the absence of Witnesses and that he will be discharged, unless this State should make a Requisition of his being delivered up for a Trial. I shall only add that he was taken 2 years or more past in this Bay in Arms against us, and that he was one of the Number who boarded and took a Vessel in this Bay a little below Annapolis And submit to your Excellency the Propriety of making Application to the State of Virginia upon the Subject

July 15
Brown Book No. 5
Letter No. 4

[J. Gillespie, Frederick County, to Colo. Forrest]

July 16

[If there are no captaincies vacant, declines to accept lesser commission.]

[Ben Stoddart, Sec^{y} War Office to His Excellency Govr Lee]

July 17
Red Book No. 7
Letter No. 179

Sir There being no Resolve of Congress to Justify the issuing of continental provisions to soldiers wives when absent from their Husbands, The board have ordered the issuing Commissaries to discontinue the practice.

Compassion to those poor people who are in this situation, belonging to your State, induces the board to mention this circumstance to your Excellency, in order, that if it should be Judged expedient, some State provisions may be made for them, as has been the custom in some other States.

The board conceive that if the situation of any particular State, should occasion it to send men who have Families, into the Field in part of it's quota of Troops, should be at the expence of the State, at least, in the first instance it should be the business of the State to offer them relief as being best acquainted with the Characters & circumstances of the People. & if proper to be brought into Account against the United States, it may be done hereafter

[Luzerne Philadelphia to Gov Lee]

July 18
Brown Book No. 7
Letter No. 28

Monsieur. J'ail'honneur d'adresser à Votre Excellence une lettre du Président du Congrès relative à une demande que j'ai faite pour obtenir la permission d'exporter des Farines pour la havanne où les circonstances actuelles ont rendu nécéssaires toutes especes de provisions. J'ai proposé à M^{r} Thomas Morris Nezoriant de celle ville de se charger de cette operation et il doit ecrire par le courrier de ce jour à Ses correspondans pour qu'ils' adressent a Vous Monsieur et Vous demandent les autorisations nécéssaires pour remplir sans delai la commission dont il est chargé. Je prie instament Votre Excellence de vouloir bien les Seconder et leur faciliter les moyens de consommer cette operation aussitôt qu'il sera possible.

July 18 Brown Book No. 7 Letter No. 28 Vous êtes informé Monsieur del'arrivée del'Escadre Françoise à Newport: nous n'en avons jusqu' ici aucun detail; tout cequ'on sçait c'est qu'elle a repondu à des Signaux convenus qui lui ont été fait de la côte. Je Vous prie de faciliter autaut qu'il depend de Nous l'expédition des farines qui ont été précédement demandées pour notre compte et touchant lesquelles M^r^ Jennifer m'a annoneé les bonnes dispositions du Conseil du Maryland.

Je suis avec un respectueux attachement Monsieur DeNotre Excellence le très humble et très obéissant Serviteur LeChe de la Luzerne

July 18 [Tho Price Frederick Town to Colo Thomas Stone, Annapolis]

Dear Sir I yesterday received yours of the 9^th^ instant and have this day been with the Hatters of this town who I think can furnish about 500 hats in three weeks at the price of eighty Dollars p^r^ Hat, two or three hundred pair of Shoes may be had from the Shoemakers by that time at 100 dollars and I beleave Country made linnen for two or three hundred Shirts may Procured by same time at about forty dollars p^r^ yard these are the prices Asked perhaps linnen may be bought for something less. If those Articles will Answer, the sooner the Tradesmen gets Orders the greater Quantities may be had. Any orders from your board respecting the Above or any thing else within my Power shall be punctually Comply'd with I shall always endeavour to conduct myself in such manner as will have their approbation, and shall esteem it a particular happiness to deserve and continue to have your Friendship.

July 18 [Tho. Price, Frederick Town to the Honorable the Governor and Council]

Gentlemen I wrote by King who brought me your instructions for an imediate purchase of provision that I wished to be instructed what price to give for Salt provisions and wether I must Regulate My Conduct by the prices deriected in the Act of March Session, to Recieve wheat and Flower in leiu of the 28 pounds of Tobacco, in My Present purchace, I have taken Due pains to get as many Farmers to threshing wheat as possible and shewed them the Several Acts of Assembly Respecting those Matters and have incouraged them to expect £67.10. p^r^ hundred for Flower & £22.10 a bushel for Wheat, these terms have induced many of them to go to threshing and from appearances some hundred Barrels of Flower may be got in about three weeks a part of the people will take Certificates but some will have money many Both as they want it for the purpose of paying their present assesment not more than one third being paid at this time, and allso to pay their Substitute Money

My not having it in my power to Fix the Price Certainly much Retards the Buisiness and I think if those prices are not alowed

their Cannot much be had Imediately for the people are very throug July 18
and will not neglect their Other work to thresh unless they get a Generous Price for their wheat the threshing must be done from the Shock for if it is slacked or put in Bulk it gets into a Sweat and Cannot be threshed for some time those reasons have induced me to send a Spetial Mesenger for your purtickuler instructions Respecting the Price of wheat and Flower I belave Very little Salt provision is to be had in this County.

I think I shall be able if necessary to begin to send off Flower in three weeks from this time if the above Prices are alowed and I am Imediately supplied with a Sufficient quantity of Cash, as I am without money and at a Loss what wages to pay the Messenger I wish it to be Don by you he may be entrusted to bring money

[H. Hollingsworth Head of Elk to His Excellency Tho. Sim Lee July 19
in Council]

Gentlemen This day came to Land from M^{r} Donellon of Baltimore by Capt. Pitt sixty Barrells of Shad which were good as to the quality, but wanted one sixth to make the quantity, as the sixty Barrells made but fifty when filled, also 19 Barrells of Herrings, ten of which are so spoiled as to be unfit for use and of course condemn'd I solicitted Capt. Pitt to take them back, which he refused at double freight. they being quite base and nacious, three Barrells Pork good, 12 Pieces of Bacon w^{t} 127½^{lls} also from on board the Rover Cap^{t} Hadwick, twenty Barrells of Shad four of which are deficient in packing. (of Course but 16 Bb^{ls}) and fourteen Barrells of Herrings four of which are condem'd as above being too natious to Continue on the wharf. I have therefore this day set a Team to hall them out to a waist field. with those of M^{r} Hudsons, as there is no Possibility of being about the Wharf where they are, and I had wrote M^{r} Hudson of them some time since, but have rec^{d} no answer, as 'tis likely those fish were cur'd by sundry persons I wished to distinguish them, by their marks and numbers, but cou'd find none on them.

[And Buchanan Balt. Town to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee] July 20

Sir Capt. Bruff who I expected wou'd take care of the recruits brought in under the Acts &c informs me that he has not any business with them. but that his Serjeant shall call the roll and draw Provision for them. Pray appoint a Person who will Pay Proper Attention to them, otherwise I am Satisfied they will runaway as fast as they are Procured. it's entirely out of my Power either to Appoint a Person or take the necessary Care of them. these Cursed Confused Laws, altho founded upon Justice almost distract me

July 20 [J. Swan Baltimore to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee]

Sir Herewith Your Excellency hath inclosed an account of this plank bought for the use of the Prisoners; the Balance of money in my hands I have sent M^r^ Tootells to be paid to Your order, a few nights ago I observed a small quantity of the plank missing, 'phaps the practice may be continued if it should remain in its present situation especially as there will be no person to take care of it in my absence. the intention of the purchase being no more, without the State wants it for some other purpose I think it would be best to order some person here to Dispose of it. there is a charge in the Account of £1760 for a suit of Cloaths and Linen a bounty given by the Assembly to the Maryland Officers which I was directed by the Council to procure for myself. I shall only observe the Cloth is charged at the wholesale price, I paid M^r^ Gilmor an addition of £108 p^r^ Yard out of my own pocket.

July 20 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 3 [Henry Lee Jun'r Ma. Com. Md. Monmouth to His Excellency Governor Lee]

Sir The original Establishment of the Army made it equally honourable to hold Commissions in the sixteen or independent Regiments, as in State Regiments. Under this Establishment Military Posts have been accepted.

Much has been the Deficiency in Emolument, and much the Deficiency in Support to the independent Corps. It has hitherto been patiently borne by the Sufferers, because of the Wants of their Country, and the Expectancy of Relief at some future Day. At Length the Resolution of Congress appeared, directing the Subjects of each State, Soldiers in the sixteen Regiments, to be considered as Part of the Quota of Troops from their respective States, and to be treated with perfect Equality. Under this Resolve of Congress I have heretofore claimed, and received in Consequence of the Claim, Supplies of Necessaries for such Officers & Soldiers as belong to the State of Maryland in my Corps, I now beg Leave to present my Claim to my Proportion of Levies.

It is my Opinion as it is my wish, that your Excellency & Council will coincide with me in Sentiment; that you will be pleased to give me an Order for the Possession of twenty of the new Levies; or, that you will allow me to withdraw the Soldiers now in my Corps Subjects of your State, & to throw them into the Quota of some other People. Be assured Sir, there is no State whose Service I conceive more honourable than that of Maryland; and that the above Request proceeds only from an Earnestness to make those Gentlemen happy whom Fortune has placed under my Command by proving to them, as they are fully entitled to equal Attention from their Country with the Army in common, so will they receive on Application what is given to others.

I cannot but assure myself of Success, when I review the Grounds of my Request; and know that your Excellency will not injure my Feelings, the Honour of my Officers, and the Fidelity of my soldiers so much, as by your Denial to declare, that we have only a Right to Supplies of Convenience, & not to Supplies creative of military Reputation and public Service. July 20 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 3

[Jona Hudson Balt° to Gov. Lee] July 21

Dear Sir Last fall I made two Contracts one with M^r^ Rob^t^. Buchanan Purchasing Com^y^ & one with Will^m^ Smith Esq^r^ to supply them with a Quantity of flour at certain prices Agreed on, Equal to the money Each of those Gent^n^ sh^d^ advance me, & I having fully Complyd with my Contract with M^r^ Buchanan, & delivered him flour to the Am^t^ of the money he has advanced, w^ch^ said flour the Different Comissarys have Rec^d^ & the Remainder being the Property of M^r^ Smith but seized by M^r^ Shurman & M^r^ Dallam as Commissioners these Gentl^n^ suppens they will not be Justifable in delivering M^r^ Smith this flour without perticular Orders from you, w^ch^ I Request the favour of you to forward as speedily as Possible as M^r^ Smith is now in want of the flour, M^r^ Smith Informs me that he has wrote to you in this Subject some time agoe but have Rec^d^ no ans^r^ from w^ch^ Sircumstance he Judges there is some Demand, for my part I know of none, I ought have told the Commissioners at the time they Seized the Wheat & flour that it belonged to M^r^ Buchanan the Com^y^ as I had then made no Destinction between what belonged to him & what belonged to M^r^ Smith & the former having Rec^d^ his Quant^y^ the Remainder properly belonges to M^r^ Smith, he having advanced me money to the full am^t^ of all the flour I have over the Quant^y^ Deliv^d^ M^r^ Buchanan.

[W. Bordley, Kent County, to Gov Lee] July 21

Sir My anxiety to promote the recruiting Service, induces me to request that your Excellency will immediately order our proportion of clothing to be sent over the Bay to M^r^ Hodgess; should they not be made I can have it done here; I think nothing so likely to expedite this business, as putting new clothing on those who are enlisted. The recruits are coming in, & I believe every possible exertion is made, nothing shall be wanting on my part, & I make no doubt of receiving all necessary assistance in what manner am I to supply the recruits with provisions several Gentlemen here will furnish Meat & flour If a person was authorised to give receipts M^r^ Vorhees I am told is commissary but he lives in the upper part of the county & entirely out of our way, should the classes not furnish all the men, money will be wanting to enable me to make up the deficiency, this I think I could also provide if it can be done regularly; as I shall

July 21 prevail on all the recruits I can, to lend part of their money to the state, this will be a good security against desertion, If money is borrowed in this way. I suppose it will be necessary to put it into the treasury to obtain certificates, which puts it out of our Power to use it spedily in the recruiting way, your Excellency will direct what is proper to be done, As we are extremely busy in the recruiting way I shall not have it in my power to return a list of the Arms &c in a short time, I have about one hundred arms well cleaned & shall have the rest done as soon as I can; some old tents I shall have also repair'd. I suppose the greatest dispatch is necessary in forming the new Battalion & that the first men raised will be applied to that purpose concerning which, I suppose you will give me orders.

July 21 [Jona Hudson Balt. to Gov Lee]

Dear Sir Inclosed you have a State of your Acc^{t} with me Respecting the Goods belonging to the French Gent^{n} who will take his departure from this Continent in a few days & is very much distrest for want of his money Capt. Key-Polt Informs me that he has orders to pay this Batt^{l} from the Sales of some Articles belonging to the State, but as they are all unsaleable there is but little Probability of his raising any money from that Quarter, I therefore Request you will please make provision for this Batt^{l} & If you can pay M^{r} Frank Luke his Thousand Pounds when he Calls for it wc^{h} will be very soon, & send the Ballance in money by the first Good opp^{ty} say M^{r} Dorsey you will much Oblige

D^{r} The State of Maryland in Acco^{t} with Jon^{a} Hudson for Blankets & Silk deliver'd Cap^{t} Keport

1780			
April 22^{d}	To 470 Blankets	a £125	£58.750
May 20.	To 2 Packets silk 2^{ll}.12^{oz}	250	687.10.—
			59.437..10—
	To Balance p^{r} Contra		27 206..17..6

1780		C^{r}
May 6.	By Cap^{t} Geo. P. Keports order on the Gov^{r} in fav^{r} of Rich^{d} Sprigg	2000..—..—
July 12.	By my Order on the Gov^{r} in fav^{r} of W^{m} McBryde	25..230..12.. 6
	By M^{r} Blake p^{d} him by the Gov^{r}	5000..—..—
	By Balance	27 206..17.. 6
	Errors Except^{d}	
		59 437..10..—

[Daniel Jenifer Porttobacco to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee] July 22 Red Book No. 29 Letter No. 5

Sir Immediately upon the rec^{t} of your Excellencys Letter appointing me com^{ry} of purchases in this county; I set out in pursuit of Bacon and am unhappy to tell you that it will not be in my power to procure above 6 or 7000 w^{t} Wheat and Beef I shall be able to get; of the former betwixt 2 and 3000 bushells and of the latter about 200 hun^{d} but not without money; therefore shoud be glad that your excellency will fill my hands; It will, I believe be in my power to prevail on the people to take half Certificates but their necessities are such, that they must have some money. I have sent to the Treasury by Col Stone 30 Crop notes taken on loan and likewise an Acc^{t} of the money borrowed since my last return, which is only 3200 Dollars & 400 paid in, to me by M^{r} Hamersly

[Richard Peters, By order and in behalf of the Board, War & Ordinance Office to His Excellency the Governor Lee] July 22 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 178

Sir The Board have been pressingly called upon by the Commander in chief for a larger quantity of Powder than the Magazine of the United States can possibly supply, for the intended operations in concert with the Fleet & Armies of our Allies. We need not impress upon your Excellency the necessity of complying with the Generals request & how disagreeable would be our situation, if the operations in which our Allies were invited by Congress to assist us, were either retarded or totally obstructed by a failure on our part. Yet we are under the greatest apprehensions for the success of the intended measures if we are not enabled by the generous & vigorous Exertions of the respective States to afford Supplies of many essential Articles, among which that of Powder is of the highest importance. We have therefore most earnestly to request of your Excellency & the Hon^{bl} Council that you would lend, out of the stores belonging to your State, all the powder you can possibly spare; & we have farther to entreat your strenuous endeavours to procure, on the credit of the State, as much as can be had from Individuals & that you will be pleased to take the earliest opportunity of informing us how much we are to expect from your State. Nothing shall be wanting to provide all we can on Account of the United States; but we are convinced that without the assistance of the States individually we shall fall very short of the Quantity required & perhaps experience the most distressing disappointments from the want of this most essential Article. We will, when the Continental Magazines are replenished, chearfully return in kind the powder you are pleased to lend us, or pay the Value in money, as you shall choose. We hope the State will, on this interesting occasion, go to the extent of her Abilities in the Article required; & if hereafter as the continental Stock encreases, any quantity shall be wanting for State uses, in part of the quantity lent, we can at any time accommodate them

July 22 when desired, & we shall not fail to return the Whole, the first
Red Book No. 7 moment we have it in our power
Letter

No. 178 [Jno. C. Harrison, Cambridge, to The Hon^ble^ Thos. S. Lee Esqr]
July 22

S^r^ I am sincerely sorry to acquaint you that the Salt Provision in this County is chiefly carried up the Bay & that I cannot flatter myself with being able to procure more Bacon than 2500 or 3000 W^t^ & perhaps a very few Bbles of Pork the Prices I have advertised are 60s for Bacon 1000 Doll^rs^ ℔ B^ll^ for Pork & for Wheat Flour & Beef agreeable to the Assessment Law. The Crop of Wheat being extremely short that Price will not induce the People to part with it, 2 silver Dollars ℔ Bus. having been offered & the Current Price of Flour is much higher then 67..10..0 ℔ C^t^ from these considerations I should be glad you wou'd be pleased to inform me if I may exceed the Prices for Wheat & Flour in the Assessment Law for the Quantity that may be offered over the Specific Tax and how much, & whether you woud wish me to exceed the Price for Pork as I am of opinion that a few B^bles^ more may be had was the Price greater, though that Price is equal to 125ss at 60 for one. If the State of the Treasury is such as to afford me 10 or 12000 pound & the Collector exerts himself it will assist my purchase in the Wheat & Flower & add to the Bacon & Pork My engagements on Account of M^r^ Wederstrandt last Winter not being complied with is an evident disadvantage to the present purchase, many of the Farmers from whom I bought last year having suffered considerably by not receiving their Money are cautious of trusting me again others being furnished with Certificates sufficient to pay the whole of their Money Assessments will not part with their Wheat or flour but for ready Cash.

July 23 [Nath'l Potter to Gov. Lee]

Sir I Received yours of the 5^th^ Ult. on Sunday the 16^th^ and been Riding Every Day since and am Sorry to tell you That I have not been able to ingage above one thousand l^b^ of bacon and but one barrell of pork. The price of pork I am to Give is 1125 dollars ℔ bar^ll^ and Eight dollars ℔^tb^ for bacon itt being heretofore Given by private persons there is some more bacon I have heard of but Cannot see the person he being on a Journey from home but am informed his price is twelve dollars ℔^tb^ if you incline I should Give him his Price I shall be under an Obligation to Give itt to others as one price is Equally due to all. I am fully perswaded many people amongst us have Bacon to Dispose of but the Cursed Spiritt of disaffection makes them deny They have any for Sale it is probable I may be able to procure between two and three Thousand weight if I am permitted to Give the high price they will ask and Can be able To pay them in Cash on the delivery but without Cash I Can do nothing as That article seems to be as scarce as provision.

few or none of the farmers have Gott their from the straw but such of them as I have seen promise to have itt out as Quick as possible they Can and seem inclinable to take the price I offer which is 60 dollars ꝑ bu^{s} and I think I shall be able to procure four or five thousand bushels at that price provid^{ed} the Speculators does not Start the markett to take the advantage of the publick as they have heretofore done in all most Ever article of Supplying our Army. Whatever Can be had I will ingage as Quick as possible and beg you will send me twenty or thirty thousand pounds to be on with my purchase as none will be Delivered till I have Cash to pay for itt as the people seem determined not to trust the public Therefore nothing Can be done by tobacco nor Certificates. if you incline I should have the wheat I purchase manufactured into flow^{r} by our mills please to advise me on that head as I may procure a Sufficient Quantity of barrells and must beg you to procure me Eight or ten thousand 4^{d} nails for securing the barrells in the best manner to Go through the Different Channels of water & Land Carriage, if you Can procure me the nails at Anop^{s} please to inform me and I will Gitt some boat to Call on you for them. July 23

I will advise you by Every Opertunity of my success in purchasing and as soon as I Can Gitt what bacon and pork is to be had, Collected together will Gitt a small Boat to take itt to Annapolis. I have had no Cattle nor wheat offered in Discharge of the Tob^{o} Tax. The spiritt of Methodism Reigns so much amongst us that few or no men will be Raisd for the War. tho vast sums have been offerd itt is a General practice amongst us when there is any Call for Raising men for their preachers to be Continually attending their different posts day and night which I am fully perswaded is the Greatest Stroke the Brittish ministry Ever struck amongst us for the instant a man becomes a Classick he Lays down his Arms and in that way declares himself an Enemy to his Country. Through that Channell I fear we have more internal than External Enemies doing Every Thing that lies in their power to diswade men for Going into the Service if the Legislator do not do something in this matter very soon some of us must Be Ruined I am Satisfied as soon as they find themselves sufficiently Strong they will oppose with force. Through their preaching and Exhortations I Judge the militia will be Called by Classes. if they should I Expect to stand my Chance on the Draft if that should happen Beg you to advise me in Respect of the Commissarys department and Especially on my late purchase on the Continental accompte as there is very large sums due the people on that purchase for which I am Responsible to amount of and Cannot Gett any money from M^{r} Wedderstrandt who imploy'd me as his Deputy and Cannot Gitt a Settlement with him as I Cannot Gett Recp^{ts} from the people till they are paid. and am Dayly Call'd on by them and Expect suits to be brought against me as the Contracting person

July 23 that if the publick does not Shortly supply M[r] Wedderstrandt I am for Ever Ruin'd pray lett me Know. if he has Rec[d] any more from your Treasury lately as I may Call on him for my share of itt. I have nothing more to add but hope you will advise me on Everthing Relating to my department and if anything new worth Relating itt will be thankfully Received

July 23 [Rich'd Barnes, Leo[d] Town to Gov. Lee]

D[r] Sir Our recruiting business in this County goes on much worse than I expected and from what I can collect of the sentiments of the young Fellows that are proper to turn out, I have little expectation of our being able to make up our complement of men. The greatest part of those that have inlisted are free Negroes & Mulattoes, all of which from what I have been informed will not amount to more than fifteen. However as the People have had but a very short time since they rec[d] their Classes I am in some expectation they will procure many more in a day or two, I really could wish the Classes had about ten days longer to procure the men. But as the matter now stands I am at a loss to know what will be the consequence of issuing warrants for the Collections of the fifteen ℔ C[t] as there is not money in this part to pay it, and if money could be had for produce I am well satisfied that it would not then be in the power of many to pay, they not having any thing to dispose of owing to their being obliged to purchase Corn, which as I am informed has taken from many every thing they could spare and subsist their Familys. My Comp[ts] to Mrs. Lee,

July 23 [W[m] Hemsley, Lieut of Q. A. County, Queen Anns Coun[ty] to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee]

Sir I must begg your Excellency to send an Officer to take Charge of the Recruits & Deserters who are procured in this County.

The Jail at Queens Town is so much out of repair, that it will not keep a man, a circumstance that I was ignorant of untill the other day, and I fear the necessary repairs cannot be done, and locks had here to secure it in Time. I have three Deserters (very fine looking fellows) now on Parole.

As Provision is wanting for the Men I have been obliged to board some at a publick House, at 24 Dollars ℔ man ℔ day; this will soon am[t] to a Considerable sum of money, but I coul'd not get them boarded for less, and what is worse I have not Cash to pay for their accommodations.

Our people are extreemly Anxious to procure the recruits, but they really want money to do it with; cou'd you spare but a few thousand pounds it wou'd be of considerable Assistance. I ought to have as much money as will pay the Continental bounty. I flatter

myself that our Quota for the extra Regiment will be made up, and I suspect we shall not do much more. July 23

I have reason to beleive several Deserters will be brought me within a day or two, & I shall not know what to do with them, having at this time a recruit & a Deserter at my own House, there not being any Officer to receive them, and shou'd any of them run away, I possibly may be blamed.

Where are the Recruits to receive their Cloaths? some of them [are] very bare

[Jonathan Hudson to Gov. Lee] July 23

Draws on him for £12,000

[Thomas Gist, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee] July 24

Desires commission as colonel.

[Charles G. Griffith, Will Deakins Jr., Richd Smith and John Murdoch of Montgomery County, to Gov Lee] July 24

Recommend Charles Magruder for commission in army.

[Thomas Richardson, Georgetown to Gov. Lee] July 24

Recommends Samuel Wade Magruder for commission in army.

[Henry Dickinson, Caroline County to Gov Lee,] July 24 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 83

Honourable Sir Yours of the 12th Instant is just come to hand and am sorry to inform you, that notwithstanding the Time is expired in which the Collectors should have paid into the Treasury both the five and ten pound Tax, that only one has fully paid up, and that the Collector of this County, Worster, Talbot, Kent & Cecil have only paid the £5 Tax. Queen Anns has paid the five & part of the Ten pound Tax, Dorset & Somerset has not paid one Shilling and indeed I suppose it will be a Considerable time before they doe as I understand the Collectors never entered on the Collection untill Last week, those that have paid has been in Grain Certificates & I dont expect to receive anything else from those that has not yet paid except from Dorset & Somerset where there is very few Certificates.

The Sum in my hand not being to the Amount of £10,000 I should not have thought of sending a Special Messenger with it but meeting with this oppertunity by Mr William Robinson who is goeing on business for Mr Potter to you. I have sent you all the money in hand as Treasurer which Amounts to the following Sum N° 1. 2 & 3 Amounting to £3602: 1: 3 and also one bundle N° 4 amounting to £3234: 5: 0 Currency & one Gold Johannes for £6: which was

July 24 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 83 received by M[r] Williams Clk of Cecil on Loan by your Order and sent down to me for which M[r] Williams requested me to grant Certificates to the Persons who lent it, but not knowing that I had any right to grant Certificates, I only sent him a Receipt for the sum received. Since which I am inform'd the Certificates are to be Issued by the Western Shore Treasurer and therefore have sent M[r] Williams List, that Certificates may be Issued and sent him to return the Persons who lent it.

I have not been able to borrow one Shilling in this County on Loan, either in Gold, Silver Paper or Tobacco.

I shall endeavour to Comply with your Subsisting request as fast as the money comes into my hands. Shall be glad to have a receipt for the money by the Bearer hereof

N° 1	3000 dol[s]	£1125:	0:0	
2	5603	2101:	2:6	
3	1002½	375:	18:9	
	9605½	& 3602:	1:3	
4	8624⅔	& 3234:	5:0	&
	18230 15/90	£6836:	6:3	

1 Gold Johannes £6—

July 24 [John Smith Brookes, Upper Marlbro to The Honb[le] The Governor & Council]

Gentlemen I have just returned from viewing the State of the Herrings which I informed you a few days agoe was for sale, and have the strongest grounds to believe them in exceeding good order. some extraordinary expence has attended the particular management of these fish, such as repacking &[c] which induces the holder to ask 130£ p[r] Barrel a sum he says barely sufficient to cover the first cost. he will take one half Certificates, the other must be money. I communicate these Circumstances and beg your directions in the matter. My purchase of Bacon will not exceed three thousand weight. I should presume the fish, as they are in good Condition would be a good substitute. If I have your orders to purchase pray let those for Shipping accompany them. Shall be glad to get my orders by the Bearer Capt[n] Bowie

July 24 [Chas. Gr. Griffith, Montgomery to Gov. Lee]

May it please your Exc[y]. I have to inform you that out of 54 Men which this County is now to furnish as it's full Proportion, including the 30 for the Regiment extraordinary. 38 are already raised and ready to march, which is 8 more than it's Proportion for the Regiment extraordinary. I therefore request that an Officer

may be sent to receive them, by which time it is more than probable the whole may be inlisted July 24

As soon as it is in my Power, I purpose to transmit to you Lists of the Militia of this County, and also Accounts of all public Arms, Ammunition &c.

[William Whiteley Caroline County to the Governor and Council] July 24

Your Excellency & Honours Agreable to your request of the 29th of June I return you a List of the Armes and Ammunition in our County. and I likewise inform you that we have made a very poor hand in recruiting our quota of Men tho I have Indeavored all I could to procure them and it is proved in Vain we have one recruit and two Deserters which is all we have procured as yet, tho I shall still endeavor to get all the Men I can, but I beleave it is needless to strive for they are giving (in Kent County in Delaware which is adjoining our County) as high as fifteen hundred pounds for Men to serve for three Months, and the fifteen p^{r} Cent on the Classes in our County only amounts to four hundred and fifty pounds. I shall be glad to know of your Excellency & Honours whether the fifteen p^{r} Cent is to be Collected if the Men are not got as there is different opinions with us concerning it. I have ordered out the Militia agreeable to the Act of Assembly which are to March on the 31st of this Instant tho I am apprehensive that there will be very few of them got out, for the People are Generally against marching and the Penalty is but small, tho I shall be glad to know ware these Militia are to march to and if I am to furnish them with Armes and how they are to be provided with wagons and horses and other things that are necessary for marching. I have Inclosed a list of Officers to be Commissioned as there will be sum of them wanting to march with the Classes that are order^{d} on Duty. with the strongest Assurance that I shall pay the strictest Attention to your Orders.

A List of Armes and Ammunition in Caroline County belonging to the State of Maryland

to 150 Musket with Bayonets in my Possession
to two half Barrells of Powder in the name of Col William Richardson. the Armes want Cleaning which I have employed a Man to do, and the Powder is very indifferant

Officers for the 14th Batt Maryland Militia in Caroline County.

Cap^{t} Thomas Loockerman, Resigned Vincent Price Capt. with the approbation of the Other Officers of the Comp^{a} Richard Frampton resigned Elijah Clark 2 L^{t} Zadock Mears, Ensign John Hooper Capt. James White 2^{d} L^{t} resigned Seth Hill Evett Ens. D^{o} Cornelius Johnson 1 L^{t} Richard Liden 2 D^{o} Daniel Richardson, Ensign

July 24 Officers for the 28th Batt. Maryland Militia in Caroline County

Thomas Casson resigned Allenby Jump. Capt. James Casson 1 Lt Solomon Kinton T. 2 Lt Assa Banning Ens.

William Whiteley, Lieut.

July 25 [Jesse Hollingsworth Baltimore to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee]

Sir I have Desir'd Mr Loney the Barer to Call on you for the amount of the Order for the Good Sold to your Agent Sum time ago I realy am in Want and should take it a Perticuler favour if you would send me the amount of the 12 bbls of Shugar and the Coffy or Part of them as you Can, Money is Very Scarse with me and I Cannot Rais enuf to Pay My Debts I asure you I am Paying Intrest for a Large Sum of Money Because I Cannot Receve mine from the Publick which I think Rather hard and when I saw you Last I Was Satisfyd to Wait a While But I think it may be now Convenient as it is severall Weeks your Compliance Will Oblige your Humble Servt

July 25 [Jno Smoot Cambridge to His Excellency Governor Lee]

Sir We are extremely distressed in the lower parts of this County by the armed Boats, supposed to be maned by the torys, every day we hear of Vessels being taken by them, in Hoopers Streights and the sound, none of those Boats has any larger Guns on board then Swivels & muskets, they took a vessel from me last week loaded with Tobo this loss is very considerable I shall apply to Col Hooper for some of the Militia and intend to go in pursuit of them the day after to-morrow. Could Your excellency send one of the State Boats to meet me the last of this week at Hoopers Streights, I should be much in hopes we could give a good Accot of them, I am inform'd from Good authority that it is the inhabitants of the Islands that mans the Boats & takes the Vessels & carrys them below to the English. I wish I was Justifiable in Burning their Houses & Hanging them, I am sure it would be doing a public Good.

two Vessels was taken yesterday in the streights I am Just this minute informed one was loaded with corn belonging to the continent.

July 25 [Dan'l Jenifer, Portobacco, to Gov. Lee]

Sir When I had the honor of addressing your Excellency the 22d Curt by Col. Stone I omitted requesting your Excellency and the Council to inform me what price I am to give for wheat and Beef From the Law; the people are induced to believe that they are to receive 22..10..0 ℔ Bushel for their wheat and 90£ ℔lb for their Beef without reflecting that those prices are only to go in discharge of their tobacco assessment. I shall be happy to have some certain

Rule, by which I am to be Governed in the purchase I always understood that the new Regiment now raising was to be given to some officer in the Line otherwise I shoud have made application for it, and if it is not already disposed of I shall be glad to Accept it, and to testify to both your Exc^{y} & the public how much I am Yours & their ob^{l} Serv^{t} July 25

[Peter Clarke to Gov. Lee] July 26

Sir The bearer is an Invalid who had a Furlow from Colonel Nicola some time before the Troops came down here & has been very ill ever since he got his Furlow lengthen'd by Gen^{l} Mordecai Gist which he has lost it was lengthened for four months on Acc^{t} of his inability to march to Philadelphia he is blind of his right Eye & has got a very bad leg occasion'd by the bite of a Dog there has been People here to take him up as a Diserter as the furlow he had from the Invalid Colonel is out and the one he had from Gen^{l} Gist is lost which wou'd not be out for some time He is not able to walk five miles at this time if you wou'd be so good as to give him a furlow for some time I'll be answerable for him as I am sure he woul'd be willing to march any time he was able your Excellency will confer a particuar obligation on me if you will let me know if an Officer who has served 3 years in the Continental Service and resign'd on Acc^{t} of losing his health is obliged to contribute in a Class of Militia to find a Substitute.

[Wm. Smith's agent of the Marine of France to Thomas Donellan, for the State of Maryland,] July 26 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 90

Receipt for 412 barrels of flour, £815.1.13.

[Henry Downes, Caroline County, to His Excellency Thos. S. Lee Esqr] July 26 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 79

Sir I Observe Coll^{o} Potter who is appointed to receive, Wheat, Flour & Beef in this County in discharge of the September Assessment, has advertised that he will give Cash for wheat for the use of the State. And by the laws passed last Session to raise men to fill up our Battalions, and raise a new one, Occasions an Assessment (or fine) of 15£ in the hundred to shortly collected, and three Classes of our Militia is ordered out few I doubt will goe. The money they have not to pay their fines, nor can they get it. we have very few Planters with us; and our Crops of wheat are very short, and no cash to be had for that as yet. nor at this Season, have we anything that will fetch it. Some that will, by the present demand for men and money, he greatly distressed, who I pitty not. others who have families, are poor, but will affected, bare the distresses occasioned by necessity, with a becoming fortitude. It is too tender a seene for a Generous mind, to be the instrument to break these people up.

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which must be the case if the law is strickly executed. To aleviate this approaching evil, I petition to Your Excellency & Council, that I may be permitted to receive the fifteen Pounds ap^{t} & Militia fines, in Wheat or Tobacco at the prices stipulated by Act of Assembly, or certificates for Grain seized last winter & Spring, and account with the Lieut^{t} of the County, with any persons acc^{ts} you may order me to pay too, as I collect, instead of the Cash. or any other mode but collecting that which, they neither have, nor can obtain, which you may deem best for the publick Good, if within my power shall be faithfully Executed.

July 26 Brown Book No. 1 Letter No. 36

[George Washington, Headquarters Bergen County to His Excellency Govr Lee]

Sir I have been honored with your Excellency's favor of the 10th inclosing Copies of the several laws passed by the Legislature of your State, for procuring the supplies of Men, provisions and Carriages required by the Hon^{ble} the Committee of Cooperation in conjunction with me. The readiness with which these laws were passed, and the pointed attention which your Excellency seems determined to pay to the due execution of them are happy presages that they will be speedily and fully carried into effect.

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect and Regard Sir Your Excellency's Most ob^{t} and humble Serv^{t}

G^{o} Washington

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[Pat. Sim Smith, Calvert County to His Excellency The Governor in Council]

Sir Since receiving my appointment as Commissary of purchases for this County I have taken every Step in my power to procure a Supply of Salt provisions for the Army, but fear the Quantity I shall be able to get will be very small, not exceeding a thousand weight of Bacon in the whole. there is no Salt Beeff or pork to be had. this scarcity arises from the number of Vessells detained in Patuxent by the Ice last winter the Captains of which purchased all the Pork and Beeff they Could possibly get in the County.

For the Bacon I am asked ten Dollars ℔ pound, part of which Certificates will be taken for the residue must be paid for in Cash.

I wish to be informed if I am to give Certificates or apply to the Treasurer for them to pay those who are inclined to take them, & if convenient shall be glad to be furnished with some Cash by the first oppertunity as I shall want it in the course of the next week, I can't at present ascertain the sum but should there be more sent them sufficient to pay for the Bacon will apply it towards purchasing wheat as I am promised a considerable Quantity as soon as it can be got out of the Straw

expect to get a great part of the wheat for Certificates provided they may be discounted out of the last Ten pound Assessment as well as that payable in November next. the people here have not yet paid the first for the want of a Collector, the sheriff refused to Act as he did not get the Law in time and the Commissioners have not got the Law of last Session Impowering them to appoint a Collector. I am at a loss what price to allow for wheat, those who have it for Sale expect the price fixed by the supplement to the Act for the assessment of property & am willing to take it, shall be much Obliged for direction. July 26

I have Contracted with some Gentlemen living on the Way for Wheat who say they Can only deliver it at their Landings, and as there is no place there Convenient to Store it or Mills to Grind it, wish to know if I may engage a Vessell to take it off & what place to send it to. twould be very inconvenient to bring it around to Patuxent. Col° Fitzhugh has offered to take off what wheat I may purchase convenient to any Landing on Patuxent, carry it to his Mill freight free, grind for the Common Toll of 78[ll] part Bulk and pack for half the Bran, & furnish Flour Barrells at eight Dollars each, He will also Bake if required at £12. ꝑ C[t] & find Broad Barrells at Ten dollars each. I think twill be much more advantageous to have the wheat manufacturd than to Store it and shall contract with the Colonel to Grind Bolt & pack it unless directed to the Contrary.

I expect to have a Quantity ready in a week or fortnight from this & more in a Short time after. Will take care to give information from time to time as requires & be assured that my Endeavours shall not be wanting to Carry the purposes of the Acts of Assembly fully into execution.

[Henry Hooper, Dorchester County, to His Excellency The governor and council.] July 26

Sir I would begg Leave to inform your Excellency that there are several small Tory-Boats cruising in Hoopers Streights and Tangier Sound they are daily taking some of our Craft am informed that they plunder our Islands of Cattle and Sheep I have sent Capt Smoot with a Party of Militia in quest of these Banditti but from the Want of a proper Boat I am apprehensive he will not be able to effect anything; Wicomoco and Nanticoke Rivers are intirely block'd up by these Pickaroons. If your Excellency would be pleased to dispatch one of the State Boats to Hooper's Streights to Act in Consort with Cap[t] Smoot I think they may probably capture some of these Pirates.

If there should be any swivel Guns and Ball at Annapolis you could Spare I should be glad your Excellency would be pleased to order about four of them with some Ball to be sent over in my Boat which carries the Soldiers to Annapolis I think by arming a Boat with there swivels when ever there might be Occasion that we may be able in some measure to keep our Coast clear of these pirates One

July 26 of these Tory Boats is a Barge of thirty two Oars and thirty three men, mounts one or two Swivel Guns and the Crew generally lay on Baron Island at Night. There are some Commissions wanting to fill up Vacancys in the Militia of this County which your Excellency will observe by the inclosed.

July 27 [Chas. Blake Corsica to Gov. Lee]

Sir I receiv'd y^{r} Excellencys Favour of the 19th enclosing the Commissarys Commission for Queen Ann's, I have had since it has been known quantitys of Wheat and some bacon offerd me for Cash, the Commission without Cash is like a body without a Soul incapable of motion; much wheat may now be had for Cash but credit will do but little, the Peoples wants cannot be supplied by Certificates. I shall therefore be glad of a supply of cash if to be had, if not of an order on the Treasury for the first that comes in; from the applications I am of opinion much may now be done here, if I am well supply'd with Cash; y^{r} Excellency may rest ashur'd that all my endeavours will prove unsuccesfull unless Supported in that necessary article. The People in general seem inclined to part with their wheat for the use of the army but must have the Cash ashurances will go but a little way. I yesterday bought 200 bus: by advancing 1550 pounds but I am now out. I shall be glad to have y^{r} Excellencys instructions with regard to the receipt of Beef on the hoofe, if the fifth quarter is to be sunk as heretofore and only the net weight of the four quarters specified in the receipts, and in case of disagreement between the Person offering beef and the Commissary about the weight how is it to be decided no Law sent me points out the mode. As to the Tobacco you direct me to offer they do not chuse to be concern'd with it, it will not do here. Our crops tho' light are vastly superior to the crops of the Lower countys and from information are equal to those of Kent and Cecil; as that is the case and wheat is at 60 Dol. I hope for supplies equal to the call as soon as they can be procur'd. everything in my power shall be done.

As we have no Merchant Mills in the lower part of this County I suppose the wheat must be sent to Col^{o} Hollingsworth when procur'd

[John Smith Brookes to Council]

July 27 Asks instructions as to the purchase of herrings.

July 28 [Richd. Barnes, Leo^{d} Town to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr]

D^{r} Sir On the 26th of this month we had a meeting of the Field Officers of the Co^{ty} together with the Commissions^{rs} of the Tax, in order to assess Paupers and issue Warrants for the Collection of the 15 ℔ C^{t} due from those that did not by that time find their pro-

portion of men, at which time we had only inlisted thirty one. From July 28
the shortness of the time allowed the People to procure their proportion of men and knowing that hardly any money would induce the number the County was to have supplyed to Inlist during the war, and having just received a Letter from F. Stone informing me that the Field Officers of Charles County, had agreed to inlist their men for three years, which as they could not be got for the war he advised should be done. This added to the certainty that it would not be in the power of the People to procure the money in time to raise the men, and knowing that it would distress many to be obliged to sell their effects to raise the money, Induced me together with the unanimous advice of the Field Officers and Commissioners of the Tax for the Co^{ty}, to give a further time till Tuesday next, for the Classes to find their men, and at the same time to take them for three years. Which proceeding I trust will meet with the approbation of my Country, as it was done for the best. If men can be raised by bounty money will be wanted, you will therefore consider the propriety of supplying me with some for that purpose I do very sincerely wish that I was clear of this purplexed disagreeable business, which has been rendered exceedingly troublesome and has been attended with considerable disadvantage to our raising the men, by that absurd scheme of making two Classes of proporty, which in my opinion did, as it now doth surpass all the schemes for absurdity that I ever met with

[Benjn Mackall 4th, Cal't. County, to Col. Forrest] July 28

Sir I am sorry to inform you that there hasn't been a man enlisted in this County for the Regiment extraordinary to be raised in this month; and only One Recruit for the old Regiments. I committed two Deserters last week, who were enlisted during the war, but they have since made their Escape by breaking through the Prison wall.

The Class's have not been so industrious in procuring Recruits as they ought, or I am satisfied they might have enlisted several in this County. I have empowered them to get Recruits for the Classes, and shall proceed immediately to recover the money. The Militia have Orders to march next week. You will be kind enough to mention this to the Governor and Council. I should have wrote to them, but have no more Paper. I shall be glad to know where this Recruit must be sent.

[James Hindman, Talbot County to Gov Lee] July 28

Sir Upon my Return from Annapolis, I presented your order on the Collector of the Tax for this County from whom I have received £3934..17..6 it being the whole Amount of the money as yet collected by him, the other order on the Treasurer of the Eastern

July 28 Shore have also presented, where I find a prior subsisting order to him from your Excellency to transmit to the Western Shore Treasury the money immediately on his receiving to the Amount of £10000 that I have little prospect of getting money there, unless I could be at the Treasury Office at the time of his receiving it, nor does he think he should be justified in paying it even then, shall keep the order for your farther directions.

I have contracted for several Horses, and were I furnished with money could very soon procure the whole number required of this County. The prices are various from £1500 to £2500 and a difference from 10 to 25 p^{r} Cent between ready money and Certificates, especially such as you directed me to give, it being conceived they will not answer the purpose of paying the Tax. Inclos'd you have a List of the Horses I have at present contracted for, the Money to be paid on the Delivery of them, I think they will very well answer the purpose they are intended for. The Horse belonging to M^{r} Sprigg has been in this County for some time past, I contracted to pay him £1800 Cash if I liked the Horse, I have received him, must therefore request your Excellency to give M^{r} Sprigg an order for the Money charging me with it, if the Money could not be immediately paid him, He would take a Certificate for £2000, which I think makes too great difference in the Price. I hope you will furnish me with money as soon as you conveniently can to enable me to comply with my Contracts and to finish my purchase.

I have received of M^{r} Henry Hollyday a Nonjuror of this County three Horses, and expect in a few days to receive five or six more from other Nonjurors, please to inform me how I am to dispose of them, and such as I may purchase when I get a number together.

I have used my utmost endeavours to procure such Provisions as are immediately wanted, but find no person willing to contract at the Prices you have limited me to. The general expectation here for Wheat is 10s per Bushel or the exchange of 60 for one, but I believe it may be got at £25. M^{r} Hemsley will not take less than five Dollars new Money or £75 Cont^{l} for his flour.

July 28 [Willim Grayson, By order of the Board, War Office to His Excy Governor Lee]

Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 177

Sir The Board do themselves the honor to inform you that they are directed by Congress to make contracts for a very considerable quantity of shot & shells to be furnished at a short period

In order to carry into execution the intentions of Congress, the Board have sent Cap^{t} Joy, into your State for the purpose of engaging as many of the furnaces in the public service, as shall be in his power. As the Board have understood that some of the owners of these works reside in England, from which it is probable their Agents in this Country, will be unwilling to engage in a business of

this sort; they submit it to y^r^ Excellency & the Honble Council, whether it will not be proper (at this particular crisis & on so important an occasion, to make use of the authority of Government & to compel the agents of these furnaces to do the public work on their receiving a valuable consideration; perhaps some of them may only want an excuse to justify their engaging in an undertaking of this nature; If Capt. Joy is able to make contracts for the shot & shells which are required, there will be no occasion for a measure of this sort; in case he is unsuccessful, the Board have directed him to apply to y^r^ Excellency & the Honb^le^ Council for y^r^ assistance

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[Cha Thomson, Secretary's Office of Congress, to His Excellency The Governor Lee]

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Letter
No. 95

(Circular) Sir I have the honor to enclose you an Act of Congress passed yesterday by which you will perceive that commissions &c for private armed vessels are to issue from this office. In consequence thereof I embrace the earliest opportunity of forwarding to you for the use of your State fifteen-blank commission bonds and instructions as agreed to the 2^d^ day of May last, and have it in charge to inform you that it is the intention of Congress that all commissions and instructions in force on the 2^d^ day of May last be cancelled as soon as possible and that commissions, bonds and instructions of the new form be substituted in the place thereof.

You will please to order the bonds when executed to be returned into this office when more commissions &c are wanted for your State they shall on the first notice be forwarded

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to His Excy Govr Lee]

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No. 56

(Circular) Sir By the Act of Congress of the 25 Instant herewith enclosed you will observe those States which are called upon to furnish Waggons for the Service of the United States are authorized to make such Allowance for the Hire of Waggons as they shall think adequate, until Deputy Quarter Masters are appointed for the states respectively, which it is expected will be soon.

[Jos'a Beall Lieut P. G's Co., Malbro to Gov. Lee]

July 30

S^r^ I recev^d^ Yours of the 26 instant at this place yesterday, it being the day & place appointed for the different classes to make their returns, by which I find there are 21 men Enrolled for the additional Ridgment, And 16 men towards filling up the old ones. As there are but 4 men Wanting to compleat the Quota of this county for filling up the new, and a prospect of their being procured without the trouble of Drafting the Militia to make good that deficiency I have prolong^d^ the time till Wenesday Next. I sent off Chieff of the men procured about Bladensburgh on friday morning by John

July 30 Turnbull. As some of the Classes did not bring in their Substitutes to this place; And several of the men who appeared, wanting a day or two to settle their affairs; In order to save Expence, I granted them furlows till Wenesday Next When they are all to appear at Annapolis. Cap^{n} Hill is to March with the remainder from this place for Annapolis on Wensday Morning By him I shall send a return of all the substitutes procured by this county together with the Enrolements. I Expect you will receive this by Abraham Barker a substitute for the new Redg^{t} who has with him Roger Malloy & James Wilson for the Old to whome I have advanced Sixty Dollars to Carry them on their way to Annapolis, where they Expect to receive their continental Bounty Cloaths &c.

July 30 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee]

Dear Sir At the request of Col^{o} Tompson I have ordred Capt Howell of the Continental Schooner Speedwell to your Excellency and Honors for the necessary Clothing Blankets &^{ca} of our new rais'd recruits, which Col^{o} Tompson wrights you of, I have only to mention that as she is a public Vessell any matter or thing that may want to be forwarded to this post will come safe by Capt. Howell, and to Intreat the favor of knowing the State of the Enemys cruises in the Bay, that I may know how to act accordingly, shall be glad to know the fate of the armes and amunition sent down under convoy of the State Boats and Capt. Massey.

M^{r} Barruch Williams commissary for this County has advis'd with me about the purchase of wheat and Flower, there is some of each for sale hear, but the people will not sell without the Cash, this I take the Liberty of mentioning to shew how necessary it is to have the purchaser in this County well supply'd as the Grain and flower of this State would come naturally hear, with very Little Expence to the State, if money could be had for it hear at all times.

July 31 [Jonathan Hudson, Baltimore to Council]

Offers vessel to carry flour to the Havannah.

July 31 [John Thompson, Geo. Baynard and V. Downes Queen Anne's County to Gov. Lee]

Recommend James Thompson for captaincy in the extra regiment,

(Wm Hemsley also recommends him in Red Book No. 25 Letter No. 27.)

August 1 [Abraham Risteau, Balt. Town, to His Excellency, Thos. Sim Lee Esqr.]

Sir The letter I had the honour to receive from you demands my utmost exertions, the impracticability of doing it with success

without money has give me not a little concern, a Seizure is likely to be the consequence if so I shall wish not to be one of those men. August 1

I find by insinuating to the People that if a sufficient supply of Provisions for the Armey is not shortly purchased a Seizure will take place, will deter many of them from getting there crops immediately out, Your Order on M^r^ Baxter comes protested for want of money

[J. To^y^, Chase Balt Town to Gov Lee] August 1 Red Book No. 29 Letter No. 22

Sir I have snatched a moment to inform your Excellency and the Council that M^r^ Ridley will let the State have 345 Blankets and 500 Pair of Shoes. The Blankets at £10: a Livre on the first Cost and the shoes at sixty four Dollars a Pair. The Blankets will average about £75..0.0 each. M^r^ Ridley will give us three weeks Credit from the Time he has notice the Governor and Council will take them but says If we cant undertake to be punctual he will not sell them and that we must be accountable for the Deprivation of the Money. I dont think it is probable we shall have it in our Power to buy Blankets cheaper. The shoes are not very strong but your Excellency and Council will consider if they can be procured on more advantageous Terms.

[J. W. Archer, Capt P. R. Annapolis to Gov. Lee.] August 1 Red Book No. 27 Letter No. 4

Sir, I am just arrived in Town from Virg^a^ with orders from my commanding Officer to procure Shallops for the immediate transportation of Major Lee's Rangers to the Head of Elk. The Orders from the board of War are absolute on the occasion. From my fatigue I must beg the favor of you to excuse my desiring you to step down to the Tavern where I shall be glad of your Company to eat supper with me, & where I will give you further information

[John Archer, Harford County, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee] August 2

Sir At the Request of Samuel Witherel who was committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of Harford County as a Deserter from Col: Proctor's Train of Artillery I beg leave to represent his Case for y^r^ Excellency's Determination therein. Samuel Witherel in an early Period of this War enlisted in Col: Proctor's Train of Artillery & was taken in the Battle of Long Island & thro Necessity (as he represents) was obliged to enlist with the British Army & deserted from them the first favorable oppertunity.

Sam^l^ Wetheral conceives that should he be compelled to join the American Army, he apprehends that should he be so unfortunate as to be taken by the British he must undoubtedly suffer Death as a Deserter from them, which he thinks is hard as he made use of the

August 2 most probable means to preserve (as he thott) his own life & serve his Country

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[George Dashiell, Somerset County to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee Esqr.]

Sir I embrace the oppertunity to inform you that we have not been able to recruit our compliment of men agreeable to the directions of the State Law we have enlisted ten only and apprehended three Deserters belonging to the Delaware State. In consequence of which fifty two Militia men is ordered out to supply the vacancy. In case the whole or any part of them should March we are at a loss in what manner to order out the officers to command them, as the rank is unsettled and request the favour of your Excellency to advise me what method we are to pursue. I wrote you in my last relative to my purchase of Corn, and shall thank you to inform me how I am to proceed with those persons who alledge they have it not in their power to comply with their contracts. My constant attendance on publick business since the receipt of your fav^{r} by Doct. Winder has Prevented my making you a return of the Arms Ammunition &c. I expect to have it in my power in a few days to comply with your request.

August 3 [Tho. Richardson, Com'y, Georgetown, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr.]

Sir I am under the necessity of requesting that you would send me by return of Post some blank Certificates.

Wheat begins to come in fast & were it Possible to supply me with Cash I should doubtless make a pretty good Purchase, I should have Requested another order on the Sheriff but he has not been able to pay fully the one I have & he informs me it will answer no purpose to get any more as he receives so little money in his collection that he has no Prospect of paying them, the people from whom I have rec^{d} Wheat are exceedingly pressing for money & I have encourag'd them all to expect it very soon, must therefore request you to inform me when I may be able to get a Supply from the Treasury, that I may come for it,

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[Richd Dallam, Harford County, to Gov. Lee]

Sir The want of money is like to be attended with very serious consequences to me therefore shall be much obliged to Your Excellency if I am inform'd whether there is any probability of my geting money & when I may send down, if it cannot be sent by the Post, the Bearer I must entreat your Excellency to inform me as my situation is such I must in a few days part with Negroes or Land to Answer the Demands on me

Our Recruits march to morrow under care Cap^{n} Praul about 45 in number recruits & Deserters August 3

[Jos'a Beall, Lieut P^{s} Gs. Cty, Bladensburgh to Govr Lee] August 3

S^{r} The Classes have returned 23 men for the new Batt^{n} and 17 for filling up the Old Ridgments, There are but two men now wanting to compleat the Quota of men for the New Battalion, I am in hopes they will yet be furnished by those two Classes which will save a deal of Trouble to my self & the people of the county, in Clasing & Drafting the Militia for two men, agreeable to the Act for Regulating the Militia, which I find by the Act I am to do, to supply that deficiency.

By the Act for Expediting the raising an Additional Battalion (which has rather tended to perplex & prolong the Busness) in the last Section of the Act are the following words "And all property belonging to any Exempted person in such Class, as doth not find a recruit, shall pay five pound of the fifteen in the hundred heretofore imposed by the above recited Original & suplementary Act" Some of the Exempted persons in some of the Clases, though the Militia has not yet been drafted refuses to pay more then 5 ℔ C^{t} towards procuring a recruit for the new Battalion, which would make it fall heavy on the other persons who Compose such Clases.

Whether the law (as the militia has not yet been drafted) will support me in issuing Executions against the property of such persons for more than 5 ℔ C^{t} Or whether I must proceed to Classing & drafting the militia to fill up so small a deficiency, remains a doubt with me I must therefore be Your Excellencys and Hon^{rs} direction therein

I have inclosed to Coll^{l} Forrest the returns and inrollments of all the men that has been recruited in this County, chief of whome I Expect by this time is in Town

[Eph. Blaine C. G. of Purch^{s}, Kings Ferry to Govr Sim Lee] August 3

Sir The Committee of Congress at Head Quarters having Called upon the States to furnish Supplies of Provisions for Our Army (during the Campaign) which is Increasing fast, and makes the daily Consumption of Provisions very Considerable, and will require every possible Exertion of the States to keep them supplied. Your State is requested to furnish for the Commissary Department, Two Thousand five hundred barrels of flour and one hundred forty three Thousand and Thirty five pounds of Beef Monthly, and thirty Thousand weight of Bacon for the Campaign. There is fourteen Brigades Assembled in this Neighbourhood, and recruits hourly Coming in, which with the followers of the Army, now Consume One hundred Barrels of flour and Sixty five head of Cattle

August 3 daily. The Requisition made by the Committee of Congress upon the respective States for Provisions, are Calculated to supply Our Army, which is very Shortly Expected in the field, and without a speedy Complyance they Cannot long subsist. have in the most pressing Terms to request your Excellency & Council, to urge your State Commissioners, to use every possible Exertion, to facilitate their respective Purchases and beg your Excellency not to Confine them to the Quantity requested from the State, (whatever they Exceed) I shall take particular Care to make it a Continental Charge, and Engage to see your State paid first Costs & Charges. The flour you will Order delivered to the Commissary at the Head of Elk or Christiana Bridge, The Cattle to Cap^{t} John Little of Philadelphia, whom I have Appointed to Superintend that Business and to forward them regularly by Droves to Head Quarters. I shall be happy in Adapting any measure which will make the delivery of Supplies Easy to your State, and not be prejudicial to the United States.

The sudden move of Our Army from Jersey to this place gave me hopes of being in New York in a very few days, but Sir Henry Clintons speedy return from his Intended Expedition against the French at Rhode Island, with all his forces, has Occasioned his Excellency Gen^{l} Washington to postpone that Attempt for the present.

We are now recrossing North River and going to take Post at Dobb's ferry, Eighteen Miles below this, where I presume we shall remain, untill we have Accounts of the Arrival of the second Division of the French fleet.

August 3 [Fran's Ware, Port Tobacco to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esqr.]

May it please your Excellency Agreeable to your instructions of the 26th July. I have ordered 28 Recruits to Annapolis, under the care of M^{r} Samuel Luckitt, Who I have Imployed to take Charge of them, as I know of no Reagular officers being appointed to Receive them have Enclosed their Enrolments &^{c} to Col^{o} Forrest, and should be Glad you Would appoint a proper officer to Receive the next Party at this Place, as I have a deserter or two in Custody, Who I am Loath to trust With young hands, as they may Endeavour to affect their Escape. shall make a Return of The Condition &c of the public arms and ammunition under my Care in a very few days

August 3 [John Smith Brookes, U. Marlbro to The Honb^{le} The Governor & Council]

Gentlemen Capt^{n} Armstrong came to this place on Tuesday evening with Maj^{r} Lee's partie of Rangers, and from the flood and fateagued state of the Troops was under the necessaty of remaining

here untill this morning. He called upon me (as a Commissary for a supply of Provisions for the Troops during there stay, as also for a quantity sufficient to take them to the next stage, I considered the mode of my issuing provision, as highly improper, having no orders from you for that purpose; however as there appeared an absolute necessaty of the troops being furnished, and no possability of its being done in any other manner, I consented to his request, having previously consulted Mr Rogers & Colo Sim, who considered my complyance as indispensably necessary. I have Captn Armstrongs receipt for 617½lbs Bacon & one Barrel of Flower and must submit the property of the measure to your consideration under the reflection of having acted for the best. August 3

[Robt Done, Worcester, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] August 4
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No. 77

May it please your Excellency Sir As it is uncertain how soon the Militia of this County may be called to actual Service, it becomes necessary that the several Field Officers should know their Rank. as I apprehend the determining the Rank of the Militia Officers is referred to your Excellency, shou'd be exceeding Glad if you cou'd now take the time to settle it. I am somewhat apprehensive if the Militia shou'd be called on before it is done it may occasion some disturbance among us, as Colo Hopewell who commands the last Battalion raised in the County seems to think himself intitled to precedence. If your Excellency will be kind enough to refer to the proceedings of the Convention of December 75 under which the Militia was regulated you'l find the Battalion I now have the honor to command distinguished as the first Batallion in the County; at that time there were but two Battalions in the County and upon the Convention ballotting for Rank of Counties and Colonels the Batallion at that time commanded by Colo Peter Chaille which I now command was the tenth and the other commanded by Colo Purnell the twenty fourth, it has since been thought necessary to divide the County into three Batallions and accordingly a third was composed out of the former two; of which Colo Hopewell has the command. by means of resignations Colo Hopewell's Commission (as he says bears the oldest date, notwithstanding there is not a field Officer in the County except of his own Batallion, but were such before he ever had any commission the Militia under these circumstances I cannot suppose him intitled to the Rank he contends for: and shall be glad of your Excellency's determination the bearer (Colo Dashiell) had once the command of my Battalion; to whom I refer your Excellency for any further particulars as there is a want of Officers in Capt. Patterson's Company beg leave to recommend the following persons as such Jonathan Stevenson first Lieut Benjamin Stevenson second Lieut and Noble Dreadon Ensign

August 4
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 75

[Richd. Dallam Lt. Harford County to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee, Esqr.]

S^r^ Please to order payment to Cap^t^ Edw^d^ Praul for fifteen hundred Dollars due James Phillips in part of his Bounty for enlist^g^ and which sum I could not Borrow nor by any means get in the County. I Place the same to account of Sr Your Excellency

August 5

[Benj. Nicholson to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr.]

Sir Since the taking in of all our Inhabitants Subject to militia duty, the Balt. Town Bat^l^ is so full that I was Oblig^d^ to form 4 New Comp^ys^ after filling up all the old ones. Inclosed is a list of Officers who I have taken upon me (w^th^ the concurrence of the Lieu^t^ of the County) to recom^d^ as well for the filling up the Vacancies in the Bat^l^ as for the New Companies. If they meet w^th^ y^r^ Ex^cys^ & the Councils approbation please to forward their Coms^ns^ as soon as conv^t^ Col^o^ Mole tells me he has resigned & as I am not upon the spot & wish to render our Military Gent^n^ who are out of the Continental Service as Useful as posble think it my duty to give up my rank in favor of Col^o^ Sam^l^ Smyth whose Military abilities. I make no doubt y^r^ Ex^cy^ & the Council will poin w^th^ me in thinking fully equal to the Appointment & in w^ch^ he may render his Country essential Service In the other Appointments we have had the same object in View & have blended the Continental officers in such manner as not to give Offence.

August 7

[J. Bolton, Chestertown, to Thos. Sim Lee, Esqr.]

Sir I presented your Order to the Collector & receiv'd for answer that he had made up his Accounts, & paid the Ballance, & that he had then no money in his hands, nor should he have any till the next Collection in Nov^r^ M^r^ Vorhees writes me he has no money to buy Provision, could have got a large q^ty^ of Bacon had he had money to pay for it, & I believe I could procure a considerable quantity, & should have done it out of my own Stock, but that is now so exhausted that I am obligd to go in debt for Provision for my Family, therefore can't advance of my own money as I have heretofore done; am therefore greatly at a loss what to do.

I have borrowed a little Flower to be paid in Cash or in kind & quality in Nov^r^ & am in hopes I shall get some more on them terms, but the Butcher must have money to purchase meat, his stock is almost gone, he may be able to supply them a few days longer & I have but 200^#^ Bacon which I must endeavour to keep till they march from hence, as Fresh meat does not suit at that time. M^r^ Vorhees had no more Bacon to send me.

Pray send me a list of Rations each Soldier is to have

[Baruck Williams, Clerk to the Com'rs of Cecil County, Cecil Court House to Gov. Lee] August 7

Sir Intimation has been given to the Commissioners of Cecil County, by the Delegates of this County, that a Law Passed last Session, Investing them with a power to relieve those who have suffered in Consequence of the British Armeys March thro' this County. They not having it in their Power to give that relief & Justice (especially to those who merits the same) for want of the Law and the papers were transmitted to you last fall from this County, obliges the Commissioners there to beg you'd send the papers which relates to the Sufferers of this County together with the Law to them.

[T. Donnellan, Baltimore to Gov. Lee] August 8
Red Book No. 26
Letter No. 70

S^r^ This covers an Invoice of the Ten Hh^ds^ of Rum Purchased by your Excellency from Col^l^ John Dorsey which Rum I now send by Capt. Berry of the State Boat Plater in pursuance of your Instructions to him of the 3^d^ Inst: which is all the official knowledge I had of the matter.

M^r^ Crisal got the Invoice

[Baruck Williams, Cecil County, to Gov. Lee] August 8

Sir On my return home, I find there can be but little dependence on the Order given me of £6000 I still will push on the Business entrusted to me as far as it lays in my Power. I now & then borrow a little on behalf of the State which I apply towards what purchases I may or have made tho' ordered otherways by the Law for raising money on Loan As to Purchasing Wheat I do not expect to succeed at all unless purmitted to give the Philadelphia or rather the Delaware prises which exceeds the £22..10. £25 Cash is now given in this County by those of that State. Flower I can get a large Quantity of, on given the Philad^a^ price, deducting Expenses of Transportation. price of Flower at Philad^a^ 28^th^ July, Common Flower £90 If I am not to give as high a price as they do in the other States I can get none of the Bread kind.

Information is just given me that a Quantity of Flower Purchased last winter for the use of this State, now lays on the Delaware at Appoginnema Landing & for the want of Cash to pay Storage & freight, is kept as Security for Storage. I just mention this Circumstance thinking it might not have come to your knowledge therefore a loss perhaps may happen.

If any thing is Expected of me I could wish to have more extensive orders, as to the price which is to be given.

August 9 [James Hindman Talbot County to Gov. Lee]

Sir Since my last Letter to your Excellency, I have purchased of M^r^ Richard Barnaby an hundred Barrels of Flour at £67..10. which I shall send forward to the head of Elk as soon as possible. M^r^ James Lloyd Chamberlaine is indebted to the State £16000 which he is desirous of paying to me as fast as he can collect it, if agreeable to you, please to inclose me an order on him for that Sum, which I am to apply for the payment of the Flour.

Inclos'd is a List of the Number of Horses I have received from Sunday Nonjurars of this County and also a List of those I have received on my purchase. I could have completed my purchase of Horses before this time had I been furnished with Money, many people were willing to take such Certificates as would answer to pay their Tax as far as the Amount of it, but such Certificates as you directed me to give, not answering that Purpose no person will take them, I have received from the Collector of the Tax in this County £4500 on the order you gave me, and expect to day to receive the Balance, shall be obliged to you to send me another order on him for Money and Certificates both the sum as large as you can. The Treasurer informed me yesterday he had received no money since I was with him. Your Excellency will please to give M^r^ Sprigg an order for £2000 in Certificates for his horse. Your answer by M^r^ Gibson the Bearer will much oblige

August 9 [Jno. C. Harrison, Cambridge to The Hon^ble^ Tho^s^ S. Lee Esq^r^]

Sir Yours of the 29^th^ Ult^o^ I have received unaccompanied with the orders on the Collector as mentioned at foot for £6000 in sound the Sum may do I shall expect to receive it by the return of the Bearer of this

I have received & granted Certificates for 4943 lbs of Bacon 5 Bb^les^ of Pork 7 B^les^ of Flour & 15 Bus. of Wheat the Farmers refuse Certificates for their Wheat over the Quantity that pays the Specific Tax the Crops this year are in few hands I expect no more Pork at the Price limitted unles tis an entire Cash purchase.

Should your Excellency incline to furnish me with Cash a considerable Quantity of Beef on the Hoof may be had in this County I shall be glad to know how to proceed in regard to the Beef I may receive over the Specific Tax that is whether & in what form am I to grant a Certificate the Law being silent the People are now pretty well drained of Money & are desirous to sell Beef to enable them to pay the remaining Sum of ten Pounds with the Money or Certificates they may receive from . . . Beef which unless they can dispose of I am certain the collection will not be made in this County at the repeated Instance of Many I write this

I shall be glad to have the Bacon & Pork sent for or shall I get some small craft here to bring it

[Willm Grayson, War Office to His Excy Govr Lee] August 9
Red Book
No. 7
Letter
No. 180

Sir The Board do themselves the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter, respecting the sparing 15000^{lb} of powder, for the use of the Continent: They will apply for it when their necessities require it at the place which you have mentioned.

[Jas. Dulany to Governor Thos. Sim Lee] August 9

With submition I Emplore your Excelances Grace to see me justely dealt by hoping your Excelance will be pleased to Look on my Compasety with an Eye of Compashon seeing I have ben 2 years in the Sarvice and when I Come home found my family greatly Abused by my Neighbours and my Living destroyd I thought Better to pay for an able man in my Stead as I might see my family provided for to which M^{r} Edgly Levtenant of the same Reg^{t} I belonged to agreed to furnish an able bodye man on my paying him 700 dollars to which I agreed and payd and he gave me a discharge and I thought I was At my Liberty to provide for my family and Endeavering to work for thear subsistance I was taken from my poor famaly and Confined in Irons for no offence but only to fill up a Class for others and Encurag Rogs in selling me Like a slave which is a poor Encuragment when a man has Complyed with Everything that Could be requsted of him And afterwards to be sold for a slave I hope your Excelance will be pleased to take in Consideration the Condition my poor famaly is now in a perishing for pervision for I found them in such a Condition when I Came home that I was forced to go And grub ground for a bushel of Corn an acor and when I was taken from them had not ½ a bushel of Corn in the World nor one lb of meat to subsist on I hope your Excelance will not suffer such unjust dealings to be Encuraged.

[Sam. Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to His Excellency Thos. S. Lee Esquire] August 10
Red Book
No. 7
Letter
No. 86

Sir I am sorry to inform your Excellency that it is not in the Power of Congress to comply with your request by sending any Ships of Force in to the Cheseapeake for the Protection of the Navigation then at this critical Juncture.

I have no Doubt your request would have been complied with most chearfully had it been in the Power of Congress

By the Act enclosed you will see that all the Continental Vessels of Force were preengaged in a most important Service before your Letter was received.

[Edward Giles Major to Gov. Lee] August 11
Red Book
No. 29
Letter
No. 4

Sir M^{r} Jn° Hard having made application to me to exchange a man for one, enlisted as a substitute for the new Regiment, & now

August 11 Red Book No. 29 Letter No. 4 confined for Desertion, I beg leave to request that your Excellency would lay the matter before the Council. They with Your Excellency being the only Persons capable of such Transactions. I shall take the Liberty to observe that the man offered in Exchange is represented to me by Lieu[t] Golder as much better calculated for a Soldier than the Prisoner, he being old & Deaf. should waited on your Excellency but am so unwell that I cannot stir out. I am with every Pertinent of Respect Y[r] Very h[ble] Serv[t]

August 12 [J. Crawford Ad. G'l 8[th] Pena. Regt Fort Pitt to Capt Thos Beall, Lt. Col. Rawlins Corp]

Sir You are arrest[d] by order of the Commd[t] For discharging a soldier (after being duly Inlisted and receiving his Reg[ts] cloathing) through Private and Interested Views & thereby Defrauding the United States.

August 13 [Tho. Price Fred[k] Town to the Governor and Council]

Gentlemen Agreeable to your Instructions I have to inform you that I have Contracted for about five hundred Bushels of wheat, and upwards one hundred Barrels of Flour, the greatest part of it delivered the wheat at £22..10 p[r] Bushel and Flour at 67..00 p[r] hundred, for which I have paid to some one half to others a third and some less in cash, to others certificates have paid for the whole, I have for some time stopd contracting for any part in cash and think it would be advisable to stop purchasing for certificates if Money can be had, for larger quantities may be purchased at forty & forty five dollars p[r] Bushel for cash then with certificates at sixty, upon an average it will take about a third cash for my purchase therefore I hope you will furnish me with £2250 more which I think will enable me to comply with my contracts an order one the Collector of this County may do tho I have not as yet received the amount of the other order, he complains that cash comes in very slow. This is the first oppertunity I have met since my last otherways I should give this information sooner Col° Stones letter of the 25[th] of last month respecting hats did not come to hand till yesterday. The Hatters have engaged to get three hundred ready by this day week for which they have agreed to take seventy Dollars p[r] Hat but they must have the cash on the delivery of Hats they also will ingage to have five or six hundred more done in about four or five weeks if wanted money is very scarce here which has induced the hatters to fall ten dollars on each hat some of the Shoemakers have offered to deliver shoes at from eighty to seventy five dollars p[r] pare Col° Stone desired I would describe the quality of the linnen I mention'd in my last I mentioned could be purchased at 40 dollars p[r] yard my meaning was linnen fitting for Soldiers Shirts about a

seven hundred this Article I think is higher than any other here. August 13
There is a hundred pair of very good Buckskin breeches offer'd me for £75 p^{r} pair for ready cash I beleave a larger quantity may be purchas'd.

If Flour is immediately wanted from this county I should be glad to receive your orders, for if it is not carried down before the farmers begin to seed there will be no getting waggons till that bussiness is over neither can waggons be had without cash to pay them as the work is done.

[Uriah Forrest to Council] August 14

Asks approval of appointment of Thomas Gassaway as Principal Clerk in the Auditor's Office.

[Wm Hemsley, Queen Ann's County to Gov. Lee] August 14
Red Book No. 31 Letter No. 7

Sir By Aaron Ringrose you will receive the remainder of the Flour, he has been detained by M^{r} Kinnards being at Baltimore, & my Indisposition confining me to the House.

I have enlisted 31 men for the Regiment extraordinary, and wou'd now make the return of the Arms, &^{c} but I can scare hold a pen having had a severe Fever on me for 7 days

P. S. I have received six thousand pounds from the Sherriff of this County. Money being extreemly scarce many of the Inhabitants have applied to me to take wheat for the pC^{t} due from the classes who have not found recruits. It appears to me that a considerable collection of Grain might be made if you though y^{r}self authorised to give me such Instructions. I wou'd order the people to pay the Wheat to the public purchaser & you cou'd furnish me with money necessary for recruiting. There is ab^{t} 76 Musketts in this County. I have p^{d} the bounty money to all the recruits raised here.

[Eph Blaine, C. G. P. Tappan to Govr Lee] August 14

Sir The Army is now become numerous and Consumes large Quantities of Provisions daily. Our Continental Supplies are quite Exhausted and our Total dependance is on State supplies, agreeable to the requisition of Congress and their Committee at Head Quarters. We are now without a Magazine of any Specie of Provisions, feed from hand to mouth (on the receivals of this day, depends the Issues of to morrow) In this Critical situation is an Army which Consumes Twenty five thousand rations daily. A great number of those Troops, new Levies which have not be enured to the hardships of the field, or want of Provisions in Camp. Under these Circumstances a failure of two days supply might be Attended with the most fatal Consequences, which might not be in the power of his Excellency the Commander in Chief to prevent. Have therefore in

August 14 the most pressing Terms to request your Excellency & Council to use every possible measure which may facilitate the Purchases required of your State, And Order punctuality, in delivering & forwarding the same.

I have great reason to doubt the want of Spirit and Exertion in many of the Agents who are Impowered to Purchase, which I hope will be a sufficient Apology for my being so pointed on that head.

Shall take it a particular favor to have a Line from you informing what your prospects are respecting supplies.

August 15 [U. Forrest to Gov. Lee]

Sir The Bearer John McKoy who served faithfully in the third Maryland Reg[t] & has had the Misfortune to loose his Leg, is upon furlough, and endeavouring to get to his friends in St. Mary's, he has no money and represents that he has rec[d] no pay for between two and three years. I am sure that he cou'd not have rec[d] any for a Considerable Time, from his being detached; I believe your Excellency and their Honors, have in some Cases Similar with his, Orderd Sums of Money to be paid. I wou'd beg leave to recommend him as a Man who Merits Indulgence & favor

August 15 [Tarr and Collings sign with a mark] [Bond of John Tarr, Benj Holland, and James Collings.]

We John Tarr Benj. Holland and James Collings all of Worcester County Maryland, do bind & oblidge ourselves & every of us Jointly & Severally To Sett up in a proper maner, for the porpose of Salt making all the plates & pans now at John Parrimores in said County belonging to The Baltimore Salt Company and carry on the said buiseness of Salt making (at said place whare some of said pans are now Sett up) with all possible industry & with our & each of our best Skill & art in said Salt making buisiness, Untill the first day of December next And will Truly & faithfully deliver unto Mark Alexander or his order Heirs or Assigns one full third part of all the Salt that shall be made at said works, untill the said first day of December Clear & free of any charge or cost thereto belonging or appertaining; And the said third part of said Salt be delivered by the first day of November next by estimation & computing for so much as may be made in the month November It being to be delivered one month before the term or in Lieu thereof one fourth part of all the said Salt so made delivered at Snow Hill or Matipany landings at the election of him the said Mark Alexander. And the said John Tarr Benj[a] Holland & James Collings shall & will deliver up all the said works & [Materials?] thereto belonging unto him the said Mark Alexander his order or Assigns at or before the first day of June next

Witness present Henry Ayers Tho. Brittingham

[Ben Stoddert, Secry War Office to His Excy Thos S. Lee] August 15
Red Book No. 7
Letter No. 198

Sir The board have the honor to inclose the copy of a letter from Col Blaine, Com^{y} Gen^{l} of purchases by which your Excellency, & the hon^{ble} Council will see the prospects of the Army with respect to Provisions & the necessity of the most vigorous exertions of the States to furnish the supplies required of them, but more particularly the Article of flour, of which from present appearances, there will be the greatest want. As the board have not yet been honored with the returns directed to be made to them by the regulations of Congress, they are at a loss to know how much has already been done by your State, they request your Excellency will be pleased to order such returns when circumstances will permit. Meantime they beg leave to make this observation. the very existance of the Army depends upon the supplies by the States, all Continental purchases having long since ceased.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council] August 15

[Asks repayment of amount Cut.]

[W. Smith, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee] August 15

Sir M^{r} Geo Keepott informs me he has in his possession a quantity of 9^{tt} of grape Shott belonging to the State, but that he has not rec^{d} orders to dispose of any part thereof. I have occasion for 100 nine pound Shot and about five or Six hundred w^{t} of grape. If any of those articles are to be sold I'll thank your Excell^{y} to give M^{r} Keepott instructions on this head.

[Joseph Dashiell, Worcester County to Gov Lee] August 16
Red Book No. 26
Letter No. 71

May it please y^{r} Exc^{y} I am to Inform you that Capt Dashiell will sale this Day or to morer with all the Salted provision that I Can procure and some of M^{r} Jacksons and as I Cant heare of the State Boat I must Sopose that she is Return'd to Annapolis if so should Glad you Could send her Immediately Down, as we are Inform Last night that a Large Barge of Sixteen ores had bin up as high as Lader [?] hammock Lucking out for this Vesel Loded with provision, we shall send a Load of Corn from Pocomock this week: We have armed the Schooner with muskits &c the soldiers will come up with Capt. Dashiell

[Richd Dallam, Harford County to Gov. Lee.] August 16
Red Book No. 26
Letter No. 72

Sir I have sent under the care of M^{r} John Smith twelve Recruits & Deserters agreeable to the Inclosed List having no Gaol in this County we had a Great deal of Trouble with the deserters and have been subject more Escape I suppose then Others.

This County has been Burdend above any other I can hear of we being obliged to furnish a man for every 5660£ worth of Property in the County. from the real security of Cash & want of market

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our people cannot pay & I shall be obliged to Issue executions against seven eights of the property in this County, or People, which will bring their Tax to 75£ at Least in 100£ unless Your Excellency can give us some Assistance either by furnishing me with Cash to recruit or purchase with or Liberty to take grain in payment in Lieu of money.

I have Little hopes that your Treasury is so supplyd with money as to afford me some for old debts, but if its in Your Excellency Power to enable me to stop my old Creditors from Harressing me to death it will be ever remembered

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A List of Recruits & Deserters sent to Annapolis by Capt^{n} Thompson on board the Sloop Liberty Aug^{t} 17th 1780.

William Gloury enlisted in the reg^{t} Extraordinary

Francis McClain	D°	
John Butler	D°	D°
Peter Scott	D°	his enrollment given Cap^{t} Praul
James Scott	D°	
Thomas Beaver	D°	
Daniel King, a Deserter	Sent off before by Capt. Praul desertd from him & again taken	
Edw^{d} Freeman	A recruit sent before by Cap^{n} Praul & deserted from Annapolis	
John Ofeild	committd as a Deserter from 1st Mary^{d} Reg^{t} he had a pass from Gen^{l} Smallwood to continue till his wounds got well	
Thomas Renolds	a Deserter	
Thomas Archer	a Deserter	
John Sampson	a Deserter	

August 16

[Thomas Contee, Brookfield, to Council]

Recommends Mr. Wigglesworth, late from London who has come to reside in Maryland.

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[James Caswell, Charles Town Cecil County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^{r}]

Sir Your Excellency and Council was Pleased the last spring to Commission me as a Recruiting Officer of this County and furnished me with an Order on the Collector for Three Thousand Dollars. Cap^{t} Hamilton of the Maryland line was sent down from Camp to this place on the recruiting Service with a Drum & Fife I could not (nor did I attempt) make any Progress in Your Service while he Continued here but on his leaving this place I Inlisted Three and applyed to M^{r} Hamilton Sheriff & Collector of this County for the money on Account of that Order he made many Evasions and at last

absolutely refused paying a farthing on that Account alledging the time limitted by Law was out for recruiting men and had it not been thro the Perswasions of Neighbours I should not have rec'd any and would enevitably have lost the money I advanced. And altho it is generally believed him and family has lived upon Continental Provision this Two Years past and still does he absolutely refused Issuing Provisions for them men untill I could have an Oppertunity of sending them to Balt° I rec[d] from him by Triffles 1650 Doll[s] & when he went to settle with the Com[rs] thro his Perswasion I gave him a receit upon the Order and took from under his Hand for 1350 Doll[s] due upon that Order. he now refuses settling that Acknowledgement even in Taxes no other Excuse then the money to be Collected is for the States and we Cannot allow it. I on my Passage to Baltimore inlisted Two more recruits with my own money and Delivered them to a Continental Officer and took his receit. August 16 Red Book No. 32 Letter No. 25

I further beg leave to inform Your Excellency that the Two last men inlisted by me namely George Keller and John Campbell was never as yet Passed to the Credit of this County and the Classes is made out without them. there is from Fifteen Hundred to Two Thousand pounds Currently giving for men for each Class Col° Thompson Lieut of this County and B. Williams his aid was each of them Proceeded taking one of my men for their Class and is now actually Collecting money from their Different Classes for their finding them men and refuses giving me one shilling altho I am 1220 Doll[s] out of Pocket for them men I therefore beg Your Excellency will use Your Authority and do me Justice in that Case as I am not of ability sufficient either in Purse or Person to Contend the matter in any manner with them. I beg liberty to Dispose of them to any Class I think Proper and You'll very much oblige

I omitted mentioning to Your Excellency that M[r] Hamilton Shff when I Contended for my right in the men struck & abused me much I am very lame in one of my legs so as it is with Difficulty I walk. I have neither money nor inclination to go to Law well Knowing that most favour is shewn to those who has most Money. I should have waited on Your Excellency myself but was not able to bear my Expences but beg Your Excellencys Answer p return of Post as next Monday is the last Day of settling the Classes

[George Dashiell, Somerset County, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.] August 16 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 73

Sir Inclosed is a list of the publick arms Ammunition &c in this county as I had two hundred Catridge boxes sent here from Annapolis and when General Hooper was over with the Dorset Militia he ordered a part of them into their hands which was carried into Dorset three hundred pounds of lead was sent to M[r] Robinson Steves of Dorchester county for our use, but never came to hand;

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Ab[t] the time I received the publick arms it was thought more safe to deliver a proportion of them to each of the militia Captains than to deposit them in a magazine, but as every appearance of danger with which we were then threatened from the disaffected of this county appears to be removed. I am of oppinion that it would be better to collect them together, and hire some person to have them kept clean and fit for use. I had occasion to order A detachment of the militia on duty last week, and found the Arms which was repaired and cleaned a few months pass'd rendered useless by the rust. no attention is paid to keeping them by the officers who have the care of them by which means should their be the most pressing call for them they will be useless and in a short time intirely ruined; I shall be much oblige to your Excellency to advise me of the propriety of employing A trusty person to take charge of the magazine, and keep the Armes cleaned and in order. Ive inclosed the enlistments of the five men recruited in this County and sent the men up by Cap[t] Dashiell. and inclosed a list of their names. Except Mitchel and Case which has Deserted

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[George Dashiell, Som't County, to Gov. Lee]

Sir Since writing you yesterday I am informed by Charles Revel one of the recruits That Mess[rs] John Jones & John Wilkins have refused to pay him the mony which they contracted with him to enlist for. This lad was brought before me to pass muster for to exempt a class of the militia from being ordered on Actual service. but as the class was composed of a number of reputable persons who seemed ansious to procure a recruit, I refused him sundry times in hopes that some person better able than himself would have been enlisted, but when that could not be Done I pass'd him for that purpose. The two persons who had contracted with the lad to enlist contended for a power of Disposing of him to one of the classes which had not furnished a recruit, which I rejected, and applied him to the benefit of the class above mentioned, this so exasperated them that they have refused the payment of the mony which they agreed to give him, And M[r] Wilkins has since his enlistment (he informs) me taken from him a coat which he gave the lad to enlist, and a Shirt which he Purchased for one hundred and fifty Dollars received from M[r] Wilkins (in part) Revel is a minor which I apprehend renders him incapable of proceeding in a legal manner to recover agreeable to his contract. The lad was an appretice but a Discharge was procured from his master before his enlistment, Compassion to his tender years, and a sense of Duty to the common wealth, obliges me to represent the infamous treatment which he has received.

P. S. As my Brother has promised to write you relative to the late insurrection in Sussex. I have omited to mention any thing of

it in either of my letters And only beg him to observe that I cannot learn that any of the Disaffected in Somerset Joined them tho frequently applied to by them for that purpose. I omited to inform you that the recruits sent up by this Opp^{ty} from this County has not received their bounty If I had have Received as much publick money should have paid them but did not. August 17 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 74

A List of Arms Accoutrements & Ammunition belonging to the State in Somerset County August 16th 1780.

Viz 110 Stand of Arms with Bayonets. 100 Catridge boxes 2 barrels of Powder 1 CW^{t} Lead 4 Riem of Catridge Paper

[Pat. Sim Smith, Calvert, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] August 17

Sir The Commissioners of the Tax for this County never appointed Collectors and they are now proceeding to make the Collections. As I have contracted for a Considerable Quantity of wheat which will be ready in a short time, payable in Certificates of money. I wish to be furnished with an order on the Collectors for what Cash I may have Occasion for, I Cannot ascertain the time but suppose that is not material.

Shall be glad to have the order by return of the Post and am in great Haste

[W. H. Jenifer, Portobacco, to Gov. Lee] August 17

Sir My Father, who is extremely ill, has desired that I would return your Excellency the general Account of his Purchases of Provision in this County; with an Account of the Certificates issued for the payment of the Provisions. And also to request that some other person may be appointed Commissary of Purchases in his stead, as from his present ill State of Health he is apprehensive that it will not be in his power to execute the Office as it ought to be. He would wish that M^{r} Gerard B. Causin & M^{r} John Muschett could be jointly appointed. They are Gentlemen of Integrity and Industry and most fervently attached to the Cause of America. My Father is of opinion that 250 Beeves or more, and 3000 Buschells of Wheat may be had in this Country. Had his Health have permitted he intended to have begun receiving the Wheat on the 1st of September and the Beef about the 25th of the same Month. He desires me likewise to inform your Excellency that it would be adviseable to have all the wheat, purchased in this County removed before it is manufactured, as the State of the Mills are such that there would be a risque of its being Spoiled, they having neither screens or cooling Floors. As soon as he is sufficiently recovered he will wait upon your Excellency with a State of his proceedings for the State.

His Illness has been brought on by the great Fatigue he has undergone in endeavoring to procure supplies for the Army.

August 17 [Henry Jackson, Lowerferry on Wicomoco River, Somerset County, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir Last Tuesday I received a Letter from Col° Jo. Dashiell inform^g me he was just from Annapolis & was going to send up a Vessell with Salted Provision, w^ch wou'd take in any I had ready & " deliver it to the Governor & Council who are in great Distress for want of Pork & Bacon " & adds " I know the Governor intended writing to you by me & I am of opinion he thinks he did order your supply up, tho he never gave me the Letter." In consequence of w^ch I attended at this place to day where I expected agreeable to his appointment to meet his Vessell but she is not come down the River I have now ready & shall leave directions to put on Board 456 lb Bacon & 2 or 5 Barrells Pork & ab^t 200 ^lb Bacon I expect the Vessell will take in on her way down, w'ch is all I expect to get on this River I have ab^t 2000^# Bacon & 13 Barrells Pork at Princess Ann on Monokin River w^ch shall be forwarded as soon I have your Excellencys orders where to send it, which I hope to be favoured with the first opportunity. In General the Purchase I have made with Certificates, some people want a little money, shou'd be glad to have an order on any of the Collectors for this County for ab^t £2000 w^ch I believe will enable me to comply with my cash engagements.

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Letter
No. 91

[T. Donellan, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

Sir The latter end of last Month I delivered M^r W^m Smith 412 Barrels of Flour which was all of 508 Barrels, then in my Possession that passt Inspection. M^r Smith did not insist on its being June, but was content to take any that was sound, unless unreasonably coarse. He now informs that it has been inspected in Philadelphia & ordered back as unfit for use; shou'd it be offered to me have concluded not to Receive it without orders from your Excellency. The Condemn'd Flour will be daily getting worse & unless disposed of soon, will not be worth Store Room.

Your Excellencys Commands of the 7^th Inst. did not come to hand 'till some days after I sent off the Rum w^ch I hope is safe arrived at Annapolis.

August 18 [Ridley & Pringle, Baltimore, to His Excellency Thos. S. Lee Esqr]

Sir We are favoured with your two letters of 7^th & 16^th Inst. to one Matt. Ridley. Inclosed is Invoice of 2 casks shoes & 4 Bales Blankets amounting to £35265 ship'd in Gilbert Middletons Boat, at your debit.

We have inquir'd about the Coarse Linens but can find none of the quality you want, should any arrive we will inform Your Excellency but we despair of making a Purchase unless we are furnished with Cash.

[William Whiteley, Caroline County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee] August 19

Your Excellency & Honours I have taken this opertunity to inform you that I could not prevail on our Militia to March when they were ordered and we have made a poor hand at Recruiting as we have got but three as yet. I have begun to colect the fifteen and five pounds on the Hundread, but there is many of our People Complains that they should be obliged to pay Money when they have Certificates for Money due them from the State, therefore I should be glad to know of you weather I must take Certificates in discharge of the aforesaid tax or not. as there is not the least likelyhood of getting the Recriutes and the Money will of Course go in the Treasury.

[Nath'l Potter to Gov. Lee] August 19

Sir Since I Rec^{d} yours by M^{r} Robertson I wrote you the bad success I have had in my purchase and I am still Sorry to tell you that I have only Rec^{d} 14^{H} Bacon and about twenty Bu^{s} of Wheat and do not Expect any on trust as the people here seem determined not to dispose of any Article of Supply without the Cash paid on the delivery Several who ingagd pork, bacon &c will not deliver Till the Cash is paid. and some I beleve will not take Continental money at any Price Can be offered. Every person who have any Cash is buying wheat to Speculate upon very Considerable Quantitys is Carrying out of the State by the petty Shop Keeper from the dalaware State. and I dayly have the mortifycation to see Wheat, bacon &c sending from my own door to baltimore and other places to dispose of, so that I think nothing Can be done without I Can have Cash to pay for Every thing I purchase for the publick some few have Keept their wheat till I shall be furnished but their necessity makes them very impatient many others are suffering much for their money due on last years purchase of wheat. if you are in blast and Can furnish any money should be Glad you would send itt by the first Good Opertunity you possibly can. and will immediately lay itt out in Wheat &c and Convey immediately To your order. I shall be Glad to here from you by Every oppertunity.

[Benjamin Murdoch, Fredericktown, to Gov. Lee] August 20

[Accepts commission and will "march troops from Washington County, with all convenient speed"]

[Jeremiah Jordan, Saint Marys County, to Gov. Lee] August 20

Sir Agreeable to the Supplementary Act to the Act entitled an "Act for the immediate Supply Flour & other Provisions for the Army" I have sent to the head of Elk 900 Bushels of Corn & should have sent the remainder procured by me, but the mouth of our River

August 20 being so infested by the Enemy, I thought it too hazardous to risque it, Since which from being Stored in a very Close room there is about Two hundred Bushels damaged, which if you think it advisable I cou'ld get exchanged for new Corn at the fall

August 21 [Jas. Gillespie, Wash. Co., to Gov. Lee]

[Accepts commision in extra regiment and expects to go to Annapolis on August 23].

August 21
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No. 23
Letter
No. 68 [Thos. Polk, Charlotte, to Gov. Lee]

May it please your Excellency Some time ago I received an Appointment from Major Gen^{l} Gates as Commissary Gen^{l} of purchases for the Army under his command upon receipt of which I have Applied my own money exerted my Credit & purchased a Considerable Quantity of provisions a great part of which now remain at the Magazine here and at other convenient places I Continue to supply the retreating troops from the late unhappy Defeats & intend to Continue to purchase and Supply. I am now in need of money and hath Dispatched the bearer Major W^{m} Polk with an order from Gen^{l} Gates for £100,000 Virginia Cur^{y} w^{ch} I hope will be duly honored without delay

August 22
Red Book
No. 32
Letter
No. 8 [Timothy Pickering, quarter master general to Gov. Lee]

Sir You will doubtless have been informed, that by the new plan for conducting the quarter master general's department it is required that the deputy quarter master of a State be approved by the executive thereof. I therefore do myself the honour to acquaint you that I have appointed Donaldson Yates Esq^{r} deputy quarter master for the States of Maryland and Delaware of which I request the approbation of your Excellency and the honourable council of Maryland, so far as the appointment relates to your States; and that you will be pleased to favour me with your determination as soon as shall be convenient.

I have the honour to be with very great respect your Excellency's most obedient Servant

P. S. M^{r} Yates dwells at Turner's Creek, Kent County on the eastern shore, but if his appointment be approved, he will remove to the Head of Elk.

August 22 [James Hindman Talbot County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee]

Sir I wrote you a fortnight ago by M^{r} Gibson, and flattered myself with an answer on his return, but am much disappointed,

as I promised to inform Mr Barnaby, (who has been with me to know your answer) whether I could get an order on Mr Chamberlaine for the Sum he is indebted to the State, which was to be applied to the payment of the Flour purchased of him; I have received 105 Barrels and sent it forward to the Care of Col. Hollingsworth at Elk shall be obliged to your Excellency for an answer by the Bearer Mr Gibson, whom I have requested to wait on you for one August 22

As soon as I can procure Cash sufficient to defray the necessary expences of the Horses I have received on the Road to the Head of Elk, I will immediately send them off.

[Jos'a Beall, Lieut. Ps Gs Cty. Malbro to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee] August 23

Sr There's yet 15 men Wanting to compleat the Quota of men from this County, I am now out of Cash & have been obliged to draw an Order or two on the Treasurer for part of the Bounty pd for some recruits I have imployed two men who are now out on the recruiting service shuld they succeed I am quite without money, I Expect I shall be at this place till the End of the week if Youl send me another Order on the Collector of this county by the post to this place I shall receive it without any risque or delay; without money I shall not be able to proceed on the business & I doubt it will be some time before I shall get it Collected from the people

[Major John Fulford, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee] August 23

Requests commission in army.

[Sam. Smith, Balto. to His Excelly Thomas Sim Lee] August 23
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Letter No. 13

Sir Some time since I was ordered by Gov. Jefferson to recieve from your order, the quantity of wheat & flour due by this State to the Commonwealth of Virga & as the bay was too much infested by the Enemy to attempt sending it down, to pay it to some continental Commissary & take rects for the quantities as part of the specific supplies due by that commonwealth for the currt year. I then informed his Excelly of the too well known state of the treasury & the little probability there appeared of immediate restitution being made & proposed the following mode That as the continent had actually recd the flour seized belonging to that commonwealth your Excelly I thought could with propriety & would think it just to give such certificates as would entitle Virga to receive credit as part of her specific supplies for the currt year.

I have yesterday receiv'd orders to adjust it in that manner & flatter myself as it is the easiest mode & at the same time a just mode that your Excelly will do me the honor to forward me such certificate

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Letter
No. 88

[T. Donellan, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

S^r^ Am Honor'd with the Rec^t^ of your Excell^cys^ Letter of the 21^st^ Inst^t^

I did not presume to make any conditions with M^r^ Smith respecting the Flour he Received from me. He told me it must be inspected before he coud take it, and he also instructed the Inspector, that I Employed, that he might pass any, but what was unsound, Sour, musty or unreasonbly Coarse. This covers a Copy of his Rec^t^ to me.

I take the Liberty to acquaint your Excellency that I have great reason to think that what Flour I have on hand and what daily comes in, is in General very faulty.

August 24

[Jona Hudson, Balt^o^ to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee]

Dear Sir This will be handed to you by M^r^ Pocy & Capt^n^ Dubreuil who comes to Annapolis for a comission for the latter they being both Strangers & the Capt^n^ Cannot speak English, you will oblige me to Render them your assistance & Remove any Difficultys sh^d^ any happen the schooners Name is Necessity Burthen 45 Ton mounts four Guns the Property of Mess^rs^ Laraye & Malett Residents here, she is a New Vessel If a Regester is Necessary I hope it can be Granted without M^r^ Laraye Coms. down but I am told the New law does not take place untill Nov^r^ & that a Regester is not Nessary when there is a Com. however of this you know best, & please give them disposition I have wrote to M^r^ Mene to be the Capt^s^ security sh^d^ he Refuse please get some other person & I hereby Promise to keep such person harmless being what Occurs.

August 24

[J. Nicholson Jr, Chester Town, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir I begg leave to introduce M^rs^ Chalmers to your Excellency & the Council. M^rs^ Chalmers is very anxious to have permission to go into New York & to return, therefore waits on your Excellency & the Council, to make a personal application for that purpose, which permission I flatter myself your Excellency & the Council will be pleased to grant her, M^rs^ Chalmer's Anxiety to have permission to return to this State arises from a hope, that the Legislature will grant her & Children a Genteel Support out of her Husbands Estate, which originally belonged to her,

Mrs. Chalmers has been under my Care a considerable time for an Ulcer in her Nose which has some small Appearance of being cancerous, and probably will degenerate into one, without much Care; the best Advice I think necessary for M^rs^ Chalmers Care Ja^s^ Anderson Jun^r^

Chester Town Aug^t^ 31. 1780.

I have attended and administered to M^rs^ Chalmers for the complaint in her face, and am of opinion that it has a great tendency to

be cancerous, in which Case, the utmost precautions shoud be used, August 24
and the best advice be had upon the occasion, as soon as possible.
I presume also to say, that I think an immediate Journey to the
northward, in order to avoid the diseases of the present season,
which might hasten its progress, woud contribute in no small degree
to her relief W. Rogers
Kent County Maryland Aug^{t} 25th 1780

[Matt. Ridley, Baltimore to J. H. Stone Esqr.] August 24

Sir I was duely favored with his Excellencys Letter of the 7th Curr^{t} Yours of the 16th was received in my Absence.

Capt Berry never applied for the Goods, or they would have been sent by him.

In the Account rendered there is a mistake in the quantity of Shoes as you will see by the Acco^{t} now sent which makes the am^{t} £41.281..17..6. There are Still fifty pair of Shoes over the 700 which I must beg the favor of you to order up here as they were reserved for a particular purpose. M^{r} Pringle not knowing the circumstance sent the whole down

The 12 l^{bs} Thread shall be delivered to your Order. I must take the liberty to remind the Gentlemen of the Council that I expect strict punctuality in the payment for these Goods. They are charged at the same price which I sell to Shopkeepers to retail & who pay the money. M^{r} Chase knows my reason for selling them to the State was solely to render a Service, having known several Instances where the Agents have been obliged to buy of those I had sold to with a heavy advance; being thus actuated I rely on Council to prevent me suffering

M^{r} Chase & myself had some Conversation about a purchase of Linnens, in which I offered my Service; but if I undertake any business of the kind I must be furnishd with money. Indeed I offered to do the Agents business for the Troops generally provided I could be enabled to fulfill the Engagements I entered into. without which I must suffer as a Merchant. To be candid my own business takes up much of my time, and I am therefore not sollicitous for the State business farther than that if by devoting some of it, I could render any service to the public it would give me pleasure.

In consequence of M^{r} Chase's request about Linnens I wrote to Phil^{a} At that time none were to be procured. I am informed a prize is carried in there with some on board. But nothing can be done without cash.

[Chas Blake Corsica to His Excellc'y Thos. Sim Lee Esqr] August 25

Sir I receiv'd y^{r} Excellency's order on our Collector and shall in a few days make a return of what wheat I have got the private

August 25 purchasers who are able to lay down the Cash gets wheat much faster than I can. I have got some from Doctor Davidson who desires to know if he can be furnished with Medicine out of the State Store for the amount; some Gent^{n} desire to know what I shall be able to allow of the new Emission, I shall be glad to know what I may offer of the New emission when it comes out. Some Gent^{n} will lett me have their wheat on engaging to give them the markett price at the time the money is paid they say tis hard to furnish the wheat and lay out of the Cash and not receive the price going at the time of payment but I have refused to make any such contract without I have y^{r} instructions. I know not what to offer of the money to be Struck as some desire to wait and receive that. I hope y^{r} Excell^{cy} will instruct me as soon as possible what to offer and whither I may engage to give the markett price (to those who will furnish the Wheat) at the time of payment

August 25 [Jno. Reid, Capt Fort Fred^{k} to Gov. Lee]

Sir I received your Excellencys order on M^{r} Abram Faw in Frederick town for twenty suits of Cloaths, on application to him he cou'd only furnish me with Cloth five shirts & three Hatts in Consequence of which I sent a copy of your order with my Receipt for Articles rec^{d} from him, to Capt^{n} Keepot in Baltimore hoping it woud be in his Power to fill up the order & furnish the residue but as the order was not immediately to him from your Excell^{y} he cou'd not let me have the Cloathing.

The great necessity the men are in for the want of Cloathing has obliged me to send down Lieu^{t} Magruder to see if your Excell^{ys} wou'd be kind enough to grant me an order on Capt. Keepot for the remainder of the order.

I am sorry to inform your Excell^{y} that I have not been able to procure a single Recruit since my last owing to the extravagant prices given to Soldiers for the reg^{t} Extraord^{y} but am still in hopes of making a few in the fall & winter

Inclosed is M^{r} William Pile's resignation Since which M^{r} Gab^{l} Jacob has Acted; upon what your Excell^{y} said to Col^{o} Rawlings respecting him, Your Excell^{y} will be pleas'd to send his commission.

I shoud be very happy if your Excellency woud grant me an order for a suit of Cloaths for myself & officers and also some Stores the Stores Col^{o} Rawlings will furnish me with if your Excell^{y} approves of it.

Sir finding the Appointm^{t} I rec^{d} from the Governor & Council of Lieu^{t} in your Comp^{y} wou'd interfere too much with my Private affairs must decline accepting & hope youll receive this as my resignation I am Sir with esteem your Hum^{ble} Serv^{t} W^{m} Pyle
June 1st 1780 To Capt. John Reid

[Pat. Sim Smith Calvert County to Gov Lee] August 25

Sir I have Contracted for a Considerable Quantity of wheat payable in money & Certificates as I shall want, the money Immediately, wish to have an order on the Collectors of our County for as much as may be necessary for the purpose of Complying with my Contracts.

I have not as yet engaged more than five or Six hundred Bushells, tho have promises of as much more as soon as it can be got out of the Straw. I wrote last week by our Post requesting an order on the Collectors but as I did not receive it, fear the letter has miscarried.

Have herewith inclosed a Transcript of the Condemnation of a Negro for Felony at our last Court, together with a Petition from the Justices & other Inhabitants of the County for a Reprieve

[U. Forrest to Gov'r Lee] August 25

Sir The bearer M^{r} Jacob Gray who is a serg^{t} in the 2^{d} Maryland Regiment, has been some Time from the Army, owing to the loss of his Arm; he has made repeated applications to me, for to request that your Excell^{y} would be pleased to order him a shirt Overalls, Shoes and some other Articles, but from my knowing the scarcity of these things, I have hitherto denied him.

The furnishing him with these few Articles cannot make any great detention, in forwarding these Troops, and will be rendering his situation much more Comfortable

[Moses Rawlings Fort Frederick to His Excellency Thomas Sym Lee Esquire] August 26

Sir I have the honour to inform your Excellency that I find it impossible to make any Purchases worth while with Certificates, for any of the articles specified in the Act of Assembly for the immediate supply of the army, as for Beef & Porke in Barrels there is none in this County to be Bought

Bacon I could buy a little for Cash, there will be a great Deal of Wheat to be bought in this County, but none at present because The Farmers have not begun to Thrash.

it appears To me as if the Inhabitants of this County will pay the last Assesment entirely in wheat, so that we shall get no Beef that way, the people Expect to get 60 Dollars p^{r} Bushel for their wheat as they are allow'd that by the Act of Assembly in paying off there Assessment, But I am Fully Convinc'd it Can be Bought upon much Better Terms for Cash, I have bespoak a Number of Flour Barrels, shall have the Wheat Manufactured as fast as the People Brings it to the Different Mills

There may be a great many Cattle bought in this County, and the sooner I can begin on this Business the better. If your Excellency

August 26 intends that I shall Purchase Cattle Wheat and &c^{c} y^{ll} please To send me a supply of Money and Instructions how to Proceed.

At the same Time your Excellency may rest assur'd that I shall use every Exertion in my Power to Expedite the Business

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No. 82

[Richd Dallam to Gov. Lee]

Sir I shall be much obliged if your Excellency will inform me whether I may expect immediate payment from the treasury for about four hundred pounds hard money on an order from M^{r} Wheeler on account of the purchase of Waggons &c

August 27
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 80

[Richd. Dallam to Gov. Lee]

Sir I have sent Six recruits & Deserters p^{r} Capt^{n} Thompson hearing that the Troops were to be sent from Annapolis & having Little hopes of geting any more in a Short time & having much trouble with these Induced me to send them away.

List of Soldiers sent p Cap^{n} Thompson

John Collens, a recruit

Michael Daugherty, a recruit

James Obrian, a recruit (but twice deserted from Harford.

Thomas Hanan a Deserter sent to Annapolis by Cap^{t} Praul & from thence deserted & again taken up & reenlisted on pretence of being discharged by the Council.

John Jones, a Deserter from Balt. Town, twice deserted

Edw^{d} Hawkins a Deserter from Annapolis

James Fitzgeral a recruit, twice deserted from me.

August 28

[J. Bolton, Chestertown, to Gov. Lee]

Sir The Butcher that furnishes me with meat for the Maryland add^{l} Reg^{t} recruiting here has not only sunk all his Money but his Credit too, & unless I get a supply of Money to pay him, he can supply me with no more, do therefore intreat you will convey me some Money to pay him.

The order you sent me on the Collector for £4000 as I wrote you before he can pay no part of till November, the Butcher tells me if he has to wait till then it will break him up.

Beside paying the Butcher, its necessary I should have some money to buy some Bacon, that when they have to March, they may have salt meat, as fresh will not keep sweet more than one day; if therefore you can send me one half of the sum now, it will serve for the present. the remainder will endeavour to do without till November

[Jos'a Beall, Lieut, P^s G^s C^ty to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee, Esqr] August 28

S^r I received Yours of the 19. 21 & 22^d Yesterday Evening William Ussher was a Substitute I passed, I thought him rather Old, but finding from the information of those who knew him, that he had always been a healthy hearty man I lookt on him as a man that might be usefull in the Army, Thomas Walls I have Understood by some persons since I sent him off, that Edward Magruder the head of the Class who procured him, gave him £400. more than they had agreed for, to conceal his sore leg from Coll^l Addison the field officer who past him, This has Occasioned a dispute with many of the Class about paying for him, and as there has been but a small part of the money paid I shall Endeav^r to prevent any farther payments, Benj^a Whitmore thought his Enrolement was returned to me, which I inclosed with the Others, it seems he was an apprentice & taken away by his Master, so that the Class will be obliged to procure another or pay the money. Edward Donahy & George Bryan I shall Endeavour to have apprehended if to be found in the county. James More is supposed to have stole a horse & gon off, I imployed a man to go after him, & furnished him with money in case he could here of him, to pursue him, but as we could then get no intelligence of him, or which way he had gon, I thought it would be spending the publick money to very little purpose, I have since heard he has been seen on his way to Carolina. I shall loose no time in indeavouring to procure grain, which I think will be much Easier come at than Either the money or men, I have as yet recruited only two men which stands me in £3000. Each That busness will be at an End here for some time, as I Understand the Virginians are giving £3000 for men to serve only 18 months

[Ben Stoddart War Office to Col Jas. Wood Commanding at the Convention Barracks, Virginia] August 28 Red Book No. 32 Letter No. 5

Sir At the request of Col. Fitzhugh of Maryland the Board have Consented that Capt. Geo. Brodie of the Convention Troops, be permitted to Visit his relations in Maryland

You will be released therefore to take his Parole for the purpose. To return when called for

A Copy of the passport

The Bearer Captain George Brodie, of the 21^st British Regiment; having obtained Permission from the Continental Board of War, to reside in the State of Maryland, untill he shall be called for By Authority. Captain Brodie is hereby Permited with two Servants to Pass to, and remain in the State of Maryland untill further Orders. As Captain Brodie has since I have had the Direction of the

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Convention Troops, always Conducted himself Perfectly Consistant with the Gentleman and Officers it is hoped and Expected he will meet with Polite Treatment, and every Degree of Civility on his Journey Charlottsville 20th September 1780

James Wood Col. Com.

Captain Brodie Only left the Barracks of Virginia the first of Novemr G. B. 23. Novr 1780

August 29 [W. Smith, Baltimore, to His Excellency, Thos. Sim Lee, Esqr., in Council.]

Sir I have the Councils Letter of the 24th with permission to get the 9th shott from Mr Keepot, for which I am much oblig'd. Mr Keepott has recd from me 200 very good Soldiers Shirts in consequence of an order for 260 of those preparing by the Ladies of this place, theirs not being ready; I have ventured on this emergency to send the above quantity, which were in my possession purchased to order of the Board of War. I doubt not your Excy & the Council will take care that those shirts are replaced to me as speedily as possible of equal quality, as I have done this act without any orders. at Least I flatter myself I will be saved from censure

August 29 [Jas. Calhoun, Geo Lindenbarger, Ab'm Van Bibber, Geo Lux Balt. Town to Gov. Lee]

Sir We the Subscribers, Justices of the Peace for Baltimore County, in County Court assembled, take the liberty of acquainting your Excellency, and the Honourable Council of this State, that Captains Yellot & Fulger in his outward passage has lately taken one of the British Whale Boats or Galley Barges which have for some time past so greatly infested our Bay, and in it captured a certain James Anderson, who has been a Resident of this Town since the formation of our Government, and, as such, has taken the Oath of Fidelity by law prescribed before a Magistrate of this County. he has been a Lieutenant in one of the State Gallies, and practically carried away a Vessel belonging to this Post. We are humbly of opinion, the said Anderson is a Subject of this State, and therefore amenable to the Laws of it, and, as in duty bound, request your Excellency, and the Honourable Council, to apply to the State of Virginia & request them to send up the said Anderson from Richmond (to which place we understand he was carried) in order to take his trial for Treason & Barratry. We beg leave further to remark, that Anderson is well acquainted with this Bay, and has for sometime past been extremely active in molesting our trade, and that we humbly apprehend it will be attended with very prejudicial consequences, if he is considered merely as a Prisoner of War, and as such liable to be exchanged and thereby left at liberty to commit

further depredations. We beg leave to assure your Excellency, and the Honourable Council, that in making this application, we are solely actuated by a sense of duty, August 29

[Robt. T. Hooe, Alexandria to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee] August 29

S^r^ I received your Excellencys Letter of the 28^th^ and Communicated it to Col^o^ fitzgerald, the only Gentleman in this town, who has a Vessell in Port beside myself. He has a Brig. Pierced for Guns, but they now lye on James River & cannot be got up, she is nearly 2/3^ds^ Loaded with Tobacco and has not yet her compliment of Men. I have a Brig deep Laded with Tob^o^ not yet fully Manned, mounting 8 three Pounders & not well fitted for an engagement. This being our situation both Col^o^ fitzgerald and myself are of opinion no assistance can be afforded from hence for which we are extremely concern'd too well knowing what has been and may be the consequence of the Enemy being suffer'd to go unmolested in Chesepeake Bay.

[Geo P. Keeports, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee] August 29 Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 5

May It Please Your Excellency I Received your Letters of the 24^th^ & 25^th^ and Made Application to M^r^ William Smith for the 260 Shirts on the order of Madam Lee Mrs Smith Informed me that the shirts were not yet Finished and would not be before the Latter End of this Week She Informed me at the same Time that the Ladys of the Town had passed a Resolve not to Deliver the Shirts before they had sent them to Head Quarters She has Wrote Madam Lee About the Matter.

M^r^ William Smith had Bo^t^ 200 Ready made shirts for the Continental Service which he has Spared on Condition they are to be Return'd Again when Wanting. M^r^ Isaac Griest did not Receive The Letter you sent him (before Yesterday for Procuring Vessels when he was Informed the Troops were Mostly Gone from Annapolis he has a sore hand which makes him Incapable of Writ^g^ himself Desired I would Inform your Excell^y^ That he sent But one Vessel and was Afraid that wou'd be too Late as his Letter was so Long Comming. Inclosed is the Invoice of Cloathing I have Now sent Directed to M^r^ John Muir) which is all the Ready made Cloathing with the 200 Shirts I got of M^r^ Will^m^ Smith that I have Except 8 Bolts Ozna^bgs^ that was not made up and 20 Blankets which I Did not send

[Tho. Richardson Georgetown to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r^] August 30

Sir Your fav^r^ of 21^st^ came duly to hand with notes for 12 hh^ds^ of Tobacco & some Blank Certificates & have sold 10 hh^ds^ of Tobacco at the price limited which will enable me to make easy some of the

August 30 most importunate of my Creditors. It is not in my power to advise you at present the exact quantity of Wheat taken in as I have not been lately at the Mills where it is received but believe it is between 12 & 1400 Bushells it would come in fast if I had Cash to pay for it, but the people hold back from an apprehention that they are to be paid off in the new money at 40 for one, which they seem generally averse to, apprehending they will not be able to pay off their former contracts with it at the same rate. I apprehend very little Wheat will come into my hands from the Lieutenant of this County as I understand our full quoto of recruits was procured & delivered to him. I have employd a proper person to look out for Beef but do not expect he will be able to purchase much as this is by no means a Grazing Country & I apprehend what little Beef there is, is yet too poor to drive but shall be able to say more on this subject in a few days.

As Provisions are so much wanting in the Army would it not be proper to ship on the Flour that is in M^{r} Tho. Bealls hands, in case there should be a call for any here I shall be able to answer it with Fresh Flour & I think there is a risque that what is here now will spoil by keeping.

I hope it will not be long before you can supply me with some Cash if it were possible to give me Continental I am confident it would be the most agreeable to the people who have provisions to sell.

August 30 [Tho Richardson Georgetown to Daniel Carroll, Esqr]

Dear Sir In the letter I rec^{d} by last Post from the Gov^{r} & Council there was a ticket I think in your hand writing advising that an Order was enclosd on M^{r} Johns for him to pay me what money he has taken in for the State, the Order was omited, if it is agreeable to the Gov^{r} & council please to send me a Loan Office Certificate in the name of John Ahair for one thousand Dollars & Charge me with that sum. I have wrote to his Excellency by this Opp^{ty} to which refer you for the success I have had & my prospect in office. I am much afraid that the new money will not be generally received as the People are very apprehensive of loosing by it, I think much will depend on the Conduct of the People of Baltimore if they take it Chearfully it will soon work itself into circulation, but if they go to money Jobing with it the consequences will be bad. we have a report that the 2^{d} Division of the French Fleet have arriv'd & form'd a Junction with the first. I wish for a Confirmation

August 30 [Archibald Buchanan to Council]

Returns letter sent on the 21st to Abram Risteau and regrets that on account of ill health the latter cannot accept office.

[Joseph Dashiell, Somerset County, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] August 30 Red Book No. 86

May it please your Excellency The Barer Docter Houston Bring forward Elijah Justice & Solomon Hutson. Two Continental Soldiers. who kept out of the way. whin I sent forward them by Capt Rob^{t} Dashiell, as soon as I got these men in I sent them under Guard to Cambridge to Be Safe kept untill a pasage offered to Annapolis But the Gentlemen Refused to Take any Charge of them and sent them back. the Expence of sending them to Cambridge was Near Sixty pounds which I hope will be stopt out of Elijah Justices Bounty; as he has put us to the Expence

Since I rote you by Capt. Dashiell I heare the price of pork is fallen in Philadelphia and am In hopes that I shall get more of that Article then I expected from that Circumstance.

I have a quantity of Corn at Snow hill & sum at the Sea Side, But I think it needless to attempt to Ship any from Snow hill untill their is sum Guard Boats sent down or the Cruisers Take Leave of us as but Very Few of our Vesels Escape the Enemy. and I am realy of oppinion that the risk to Trentown is not as great, as to the head of Elk at present. and if it is agreable to you I will send One Load that way.

I have Shipt you by this Conveyance four Barrels of Pork & Eighty eight pounds Bacon which is all that is at Salisbury at present & is as much as I would wish to Ship in one Boat

Since I rote the above I have Rec^{d} official advice that the Privateers have Taken all the Tobacco out of American Warehouse. and have made an attempt to Take of M^{r} Henry Dennes & a Capt. Whaley that is Building a ship at M^{r} Denneses:

[Rich'd Dallam, Harford County, to Gov. Lee] August 30 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 87

Sir Your Excellencys several Letters of 21st Instant came to hand last evening, And I am sorry to say I have but little hopes of making any purchase in this County In fact I have no Credit myself nor will the people trust the Public, Certificates will not be received. I Purchased about 15000£ worth of Wheat & flour in June, under a promise of punctual payment in 6 weeks at farthest & I am exceedingly hurt in not having it in my Power to comply. Upwards of 600 Bushls of the wheat I had delivered in M^{r} Hutson mill to grind. M^{r} Gibson who manages the mill has sent the flour to Balt. Town for sale & has not a Bushl of Wheat now to grind, I have given this information to M^{r} Martin that Legal Steps may be taken to compell the delivery of the flour or payment. I believe the Public has sufferd exceedingly from the conduct of M^{r} Gibson at this mill & doubt not

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if enquirey was order'd it might easily be made Appear, M^r^ Gibson being a Public Officer & well acquainted with our situation as to provisions I had not the least thought that he wld deceive me in regard to the delivery of the flour I often askd for it & as often had his promise to finish the grinding as soon as possible and on the very day I heard of his send^g^ the flour and as I was with him & had his Promise to deliver the flour & that 100 Barrels was then ready. When he sent the flour off I stoped the Vessel till he agreed that the flour should be sent to M^r^ Smith in Balt, as flour seized by me & returnd him, for flour he was under Contract with Hutson for This flour was deliverd by the Skipper to M^r^ Smith as my flour, but he could not obtain any receipt for it & M^r^ Smith I am told is paying Hutson for it at the present Price 20£ upwards higher then it w^ld^ have cost had he received it as seized flour not having Power to seize the flour I could do nothing more then I did Altho, I could prove it was actually made of my wheat. I have been so much engaged of late with other Business that it was not in my Power to be so attentive to that Otherwise the Public should not have lost the flour.

With reluctence & sorrow I say I meet with but few People Who are not taking every advantage of the Public they can I have been most Raskelly imposed on with recruits & Deserters it was impossible to know the deseption till too late.

Several Deserters Who I can not get apprehendd for any reward I can offer are through their Friends applying to get the Liberty of Procuring Substitutes by them to get discharged Last evening I was offerd 100 Bushels of wheat to get a discharge for one Who will not be taken. If your Excellency thinks Proper to allow me liberty to make terms I shall use it only for the good of the State And I cannot help recommending some such plan as the public will get something by it & be no looser for were those men to be taken they w^ld^ be of little use at Camp

I shall use my best endeavours to procure what provision I can but the Business must be attend^d^ with considerable expense I must have assistants to ride through the County & I know not what I may be allowed. I sent round the County to buy salted meat & could obtain none, that Business cost me a sum that may be thought extravagant.

I am so convinced that nothing can be done without Cash that I think it time wasted to attempt it. Wheat I Expect will be bought in for the 15 p C^t^ Tax & if Your Excellency could order to this County 400 or 500 Bushels Salt to be exchanged for wheat it wld be better then Cash. I am sorry to trouble your Excellency with so long a Letter especially as its to little purpose.

[Thos Beall, Capt of the late Rawlings Redg't Riflemen, George Town to His Excellency The Governor and Council] August 30

Gentlemen On my Return to Fort Pitt in February last Knowing M^r^ Magruder had Received Orders to Recruit men for our Corps during the war Gave Serg^t^ Janes Orders to Reenlist Two men of our Corps that was not During the war Janes Inlisted one of them and a day or Two after one of the men Brought in A british Prisoner of war who he said wood Inlist. Capt. Tannehill was siting. By and knowing he wood wish for an Oppertunity to take the Advantage of me Ask'd his opinion Capt Tannehill was of opinion he wood doe very well in that Department and as it had been Frequently done before thought propper to Inlist him Capt Tannehill took an oppertunity that Evening to Acquaint the Comd^t^ I had Inlisted A british Prisoner and Next morning Started for Philadelphia.

A few days After I was ordered to the Cetannion and weight^d^ on the Comd^t^ for orders he then told me he had understood I had Inlisted A british Prisoner of war I acknoledg^d^ I had and beg^d^ to Know who had Reported me he told me Capt Tannehill had and said he disapprov^d^ of it much and if he Knew of any person there he wood have them sent of I expected as the Comd^t^ had disapprov^d^ of his Inlistment and I being Commanding Officer of the Core it was my duty to discharge him and as I inlisted him the Money and Clothing then lay at my Risk and as he had spent the Money and defac^d^ the Clothes took the first oppertunity to Discharge him and got as much as I thought wood pay for his Clothing and the Money he had Receiv^d^ and Acquainted Cap^t^ Tannehill with what I had done on his Return and my Reason for doing it

Capt. Tannehill was of opinion I had done Rong and said he had mentioned it to the Comd^t^ but did not meen to Report it every Gentleman that is Acquainted with Capt. Tannehill must know that he is not so void of sence that must know that it was the Comd^ts^ Duty to call me to an Account if I had done Rong whether he ment it or not

this was the last of June I told Capt. Tannehill I thought I was very Justifiable in what I had done if he thought I was Rong he was very wellcom to take the Advantage of it I continued at Fort Pitt untill the Twentyeth of July and heard more of it and then got leave of Absence to Cumberland on my Return was very kindly Receiv^d^ by Capt. Tannehill and in a day or Two after understood Capt Tannehill had been speaking very disrespectfull of me on account of my discharging the Above prisoner I then weight^d^ on the Comd^t^ and Requested he wood send for Capt Tannehill and let me be present Capt. Tannehill said he had understood I had discharg^d^ McCleod the above prisoner I acknowledg^d^ I had and Acquainted the Comd^t^

August 30 my Reasons for it and what I had stopt for his Bounty and Clothing as the Clothing was much defac[d] and as he the Comd[t] had disapproved of his Inlistment I thought it was my duty to discharge him the Comd[t] then in presence of Capt Tannehill said he had disapprov[d] of his Inlistment and if he knew of any prisoners there he wood imediately have them sent of and told me he wood order a Cort of Inquiry and I shood have a hearing I then told the Comd[t] it was my wish as I wish[d] to have the matter setled and waited sometime Capt Tannehill made know objection I then took leave and walk[d] out Capt Tannehill Amediately returnd to his Quarters and made out a report and had me Arested in this Cruel manner and took every Advantage of me in the Cort as I have been Inform[d] since by one of the Officers that was on the Cort went so far as to have two officers taking of the Cort and have Two others put on that Envyed me as much as himself.

Gentlemen from my slite Acquaintance cannot with propriety Request the Favour of your Riting his Excellency and Represent in the most Cruel Manner Capt Tannehill has Attempted to sacrifice my Reputation.

M[r] Magruder who hands you this I think if you'l only Ask him can Acquaint you that Capt Tannehill has Attempted to take the Advantage of me Frequently before this and notwithstanding I made it Appear to the Cort by the Comd[ts] Evidence that he had disapprov[d] of McCleods the Prisoner and declared if knew of A British Prisoner there he wood have them Amediately sent of and made it Apear by Capt Tannehills Books the Clothing he had Receiv[d] was paid him as part of his Bounty and in the publick manner I discharg[d] him am Affraid the Matter has gone Against me

I acknowledge I have done Rong in Inlisting the Fellow and in order to put myself Right have layd myself in the power of Capt. Tannehill its Cruel after serving my Country Almost five years and spent at least half my Fortune that I should now fall a sacrifice to that Gentleman's Envy and as I am a stranger to his Excellency must beg the Favour of your Riting him your Favours ever shall be most Greatfully Acknowledg[d]

Your Most Ob[t] and very Hum[l] Serv[t]

September [R. T. Hooe to His Excellency Govr of Maryland]

D[r] Sir. From an illness I have labored under these 6 Weeks I can at this time scarcely hold a Pen. I had Dawlass, Russia Shirting Ravens Duck and the best osnaburghs that ever I beheld and the properest for soldiers shirting of any Linnen I ever saw. But the Governor of Virg[a] had appointed 2 Commissioners in this County to Purchase or siege all such Goods as Government wants, and Yesterday they bought everything that I had. Cap[t] . . . . has shoes. Russia shirting, Dawlass the same osnabg[s] of mine, Coarse and fine

Cloths, Blanketts. If you was to send a Person over very early Tomorrow they might probably get a great many valuable things, tho' from what I have heard they are very Dear, I believe he will Deal for nothing but Continental Money. if you have not the Cash in the Treasury at Present I have no doubt but I could prevail on Cap^{t} Conway to wait for the Money for I am ¼ concern'd in Vessell & Cargo but have no share in the management. September

There has just arrived 2 Irish Cutters in York River & a large Brig. from Ireland in James River all full of Linnens and Cloths. I am told the Governor and Council were treating for the Cargoes I hope they will be sufficient of the kind for the southern Army.

[George Dashiell to Gov Lee] September
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Sir I rec^{d} y^{r} letter of 21 & 28 of August and agreable to yo^{r} Request I have orderd a Detachment of the Militia upon Duty in which they will be Continued untill I have y^{r} order to Discharge them. I have no provision on hand belonging to the Publick to subsist them on & am purchasing with the Public money for that purpose. I request you'l Direct me whither I am to Draw on the Commissary for Supplies or Continue to Purchase with the money rec^{d} from the Classes. My Brother has Drawn several orders on me in favor of Persons from whom He has Purchas'd Pork for the State, and as I am Doubtfull, whither I Can with propriety apply the money Drawn from the Classes, to answer them, I beg y^{r} Excellencys advice upon that matter & also Information how to act in future on similar occasions. I have Informed the Inhabitants of this Co^{ty} by advertisement that wheat will be rec^{d} at 22.10° in Discharge of the money Due from the Classes

[Joseph Wilkinson Calv^{t} County to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr.] September 1

Sir M^{r} John Woolf & W^{m} Rigby will deliver you two prisoners of war, taken on tuesday last by Cap^{n} Jn° Harrison of the sloop Lincoln of the mouth of Patuxent & sent on shore to the Care of Col° Mackall the Col° being Ill, they fell under my care, & I had no other way to forward them to you but by employing the above persons, you will therefore be pleas'd to order them such pay, as you may think reasonable for there trouble

[Job Greene, Baltimore Town, To His Excellency the Governor & Council for the State of Maryland.] September 1

Gentlemen On the 23^{d} of August 1777 I was comitted to the Publick Prison of Baltimore County by three of the Majestrates for said County for refusing to take an Oath of Fidelity to the State & on the 12th of September following, was carried before the Governor & Council then in this town, who gave an order for my recommitment with others of which the following is a Copy.

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Job Greene, George Somervell, George Isley and William Ford all of Baltimore County and who were comitted to the Custody of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, were according to Order brought before the Governor and Council and it appearing to the Governor and Council that there is good grounds to believe the going at large of the said Job Greene, George Somervell George Isley & William Ford may be dangerous to the Safety of this State. it is therefore ordered the said several persons be confined in the Publick Prison of Baltimore County during the present Invasion of this State, or untill the further Order of the Governor and Council herein.

℔ order J. Johnson Jnr Cl

On the 27th of December following I was released from Prison on my signing a Bond with two securities in the Penalty of two thousand pounds. the condition of which was that I should in all things demean and behave myself as a good and faithfull Subject of this State & should not goe out of Baltimore County without the leave of the Governor and Council of this State first obtained in writing. since which I have desired several Gentlemen to make application to your Honours to grant my securities & myself a releasement from said Bond. who have severally brought me a visible answer that you had no objection to giving it up, but that it could not at the Present time be found. trusting to your Honours known wisdom and impartiality & not doubting but you would on a proper application suffer said Bond to be cancelled. I have disposed of most of the effects I have in this place, with an intention of Setling in the Island of St Eustatius where I propose to goe with your approbation by the very first oppertunity. as I have paid all taxes due from me to the State and am convinced in my own mind, that I have not transgressed any Law of the State & have with resignation bore confinement both in Prison and since that to the County. And am convinced that no person can lay anything criminal to my charge. except not enrolling in the Militia & not taking the Oath of Allegiance to the State. but have paid all taxes and burthens whatever since the commencement of the present times. I have the fullest confidence in your Honours moderation & firm but benevolent principles

September 2 [Jas. Gillespie, Camp at Annapolis, to Gov. Lee]

[Resigns commission]

September 3 [Donaldson Yeates, Head Elk, to the Council]

Gentn In consequence of an Appointment to me from Timothy Pickering Esqr Q. M. G. to Act in the line of Debuty Quarter Master for this State, under the new Arrangement, at the same time that Public Business might not be impeded, his Request to me to proceed

with all possible dispatch to this place, in consequence thereof I have returned him an Answer that if your Hon[l] Board concur in my Appointm[t] I would continue to execute the business of the departm[t] and till your pleasure was known on that, I would proceed to forward any business in my Power. in consequence of which I have waited on Col[o] Hollingsworth at this place who says he will give me any Assistance in his Power, I intend doing myself the honor of waiting on you as soon as Possible. in the mean time permit me to forw[d] my Application to you for your Approbation of my Appointment, and at the same time to observe that your Appointment to Col[o] Hollingsworth, To receive examine and store provisions collected by County Agents, Appears to both him and me to interfere with the new Order of regulation by Congress, he is disposed to continue in that part of the business till your pleasure is known on that Subject, and when known act Agreeable, as Col[o] Hollingsworth writes by this conveyance on this matter. I need not observe further on this Head, if I am happy enough to meet the Approbation of your Hon[l] Board on the Appointment if any immediate Commands or Instructions is necessary, I will thank you for them and Chearfully enter into the execution of them. September 3

[Sam Huntington President Philadelphia to His Excellency Thos S. Lee Esquire] September 3
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Sir Your Excellency will receive herewith inclosed an Act of Congress of the 26. Ulto. earnestly recommending to the several States to take the most speedy & effectual Means in their Power for drawing in their respective Quotas of the Continental Bills of Credit, to be destroyed either by Tax or exchanging for them new Bills, emitted pursuant to the resolution of the 18 of March last, at a rate not less than forty for one, that the whole of the new Bills may be issued.

Also recommending to the several States, to raise by Taxes payable in the new Bills above mentioned or Specie, their respective Quotas of three Million of Dollars agreeable to the Apportionment of the 7 of October 1779, and pay the same into the Treasury of the United States as soon as possible, the Payment to be fully completed by the last Day of December next, each State to be allowed Interest from the Time it is paid; to be hereafter adjusted according to a resolution of the 6 of October 1779.

You will also observe by this Act Provision is made for Payment of the public Debts due in any of the States in the Departments of the late Quartermaster Greene & Commissary Wadsworth, as also the present Commissary General of Purchases.

And in order to prevent the Possibility of a Depreciation in the new Bills it is earnestly recommended to the several States, not to issue Bills of Credit for a Currency on any Account whatever, in

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such Manner as to have in Circulation a greater Amount than their respective Quotas of the new Bills

And in Order that Justice be done to the Creditors of these United States for Supplies furnished the Army or Transportation thereof, Provision is made by this Act that such Creditors be paid the just Value of their Debts, to be ascertained in the Manner expressed in the Act, and all Debts due to the United States are to be justly paid in like Manner

September 4

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to the Council]

Gentlemen This Morning Col° Donaldson Yeats who is appointed D. Q. M G^{l} for this Post, waited on me, to receive the Stores waggons, and every other matter relative to that Department which I with much Chearfulness am about to deliver up to him, and am happy so worthy a Gentleman is appointed, by my appointment of the 9th June 1780 (by Act of Assembly of this State 2^{d} May) I am appointed to receive the provisions of this State, and Deliver them to such persons as are appointed by Congress, and by several letters since am directed to Examine weigh and report said provisions, to your Excellency and Honours I have been lead to look on this appointment as from Your Excellency and Honor, by Authority of the Act of Assembly, of this State, (entirely independant of my late appointment as D Q M G^{l}) and do therefore submit it to your Excellency and Honors, whither I am to exercise said appointment in future as an Officer of this State or not.

P. S. rest assured Gentleman that nothing on my part shall be wanting to make Col° Yeates's appointment as agreeable to himself and advantageous to the Public as possibly in my power

September 4
(Signature
is with
mark)

[Wm. Henchman, Annapolis Goal, to his Excellency the Governor and the Hon̄ble the Council of the State of Maryland]

The Humble Petition of William Henchman of Dorchester County sheweth that your Petitioner charged before your Honours with trading with the Enemy (by his Declaration to M^{r} John Chalmers of the City of Annapolis) was thereupon committed as a Person whose going at large may be dangerous to the State, and your Petitioner is informed he is to be conveyed to Frederick Town.

Your Petitioner begs leave to represent that he took the Oath of allegiance to this State in the Manner and time prescribed by Law; that he constantly performed his Duty as a private in the Militia; and ever behaved himself as a good and faithfull Subject while in the service of the State on board the schooner Molly and the General Smallwood, and ever since

Your Petitioner solemnly denies that he ever dealt with or ever had any Connection or Communication with the Enemy, or any of

their Privateers or Cruisers in the Bay and declares that any Declarations by him of his Trading with them were made without any foundation in Truth, and in the Hour of Indiscretion and Folly when the Behavior, Conduct and Conversation of the Company, induced him, greatly intoxicated with Liquor to utter sentiments foreign to the Truth, and to accuse himself with Crimes of which he is intirely innocent. September 4

Your Petitioner further begs leave to represent that he has a Wife and three small Children, with two orphan Girls, who depend altogether on his Labour for their Support. Your Petitioner therefore humbly solicits your Honours, that he may be admitted to give security or Bail for his appearance to answer any Charge exhibited against him, and for his good behavior and that he may be ordered to be prosecuted and Tried at the ensuing General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore, or that if under all Circumstances your Honours should think his going at large will be dangerous to the State, that he may be confined in Dorchester County or some of the adjacent Counties, where your Petitioner may be better enabled to support himself in his Imprisonment, and be visited and comforted by his Wife, Children and Friends

Your Petitioner requests and hopes he may be brought to his Trial, as soon as may be. If he is innocent his confinement and loss of Liberty will be a heavy punishment and ruinous to his property which is small, but if guilty, Imprisonment is inadequate to his supposed Offence and the punishment ought to be inflicted as soon as possible

[Don'l Yeates, D. Q M, Head Elk, to Gov. Lee] September 4

Sir being informed there was stores of this States purchase for our army, now lying at the Landings of Duck Creek and Appoquinimick in the Delaware State, I think it my duty to inform you I have been over there in order to examine into their present state, these Stores are three hund^{d} and odd Barrels of flow'r and some Indian corn and has been stored at those places for a considerable time past, from which circumstance its more than probable some damage has Accrued as well as a heavy charge for Storage, my instructions direct me to examine all stores forwarded by me Col^{o} Hollingsworth declines going into a View of this property as its not in this State, I have applyed to Captain Johnson the purchaser of a great part of it he desires to be directed by you in this matter. inclosed is his letter on the subject, as I dont presume to know every circumstance attending the delay of this property or Judge where the damage should Center if any, I am only desireous of giveing you the present circumstance so far as I know and have it in my Power to forward it if fit, for use or any part that may, consistant with my duty.

September 3 [H. Hollingsworth, H^d^ of Elk, to Gov. Lee]

Dear Sir Your former and present Letter are Rec^d^ the first should have been answered had not want of time and the messenger hasty Returning prevented it I am now to Inform you that no Flour can with propriety be Rec^d^ by me but at this post, or in this state at Least as my appointment as D. Q. M. G. or Receiver Gen^l^ does not Extend further therefore cannot receive your flour at Duck Creek without a Special order from the Gov^r^ and Council which I believe they will not to give (it being out of this State Expences) the best of Teachers has taught me to be thus Cautious in doing buissiness for the publick but had you sent me an order for the flour to be deliver'd to myself or Order I would have sent that order with mine on it to M^r^ Maxwell receiver Gen^l^ for the D State and believe it would have been the Readest and most Effectual way of Forwarding it, nor do I see any other way yet unless you can send if off as I have neither money or time to Look to it. Personally I have wrote the Gov^r^ & Council fully on it and shall be Ever Ready to do every thing in my power to serve the army so that it be Consistent (but not other ways if the Gov^r^ & Council has sent you orders to forward the flour to me those orders with your Request to me on them to have the flour Rec^d^ from D. Creek, will Induce me to forward them to M^r^ Maxwell who I apprehend will have full power on such Orders to forward the flour I am sorry the matter has given so much trouble.

September 4 (Harper made his mark) [Henry Harper, Annapolis Goal, To his Excellency the Governor and the Hon̄ble the Council of the State of Maryland]

The Humble Petition of Henry Harper of Dorchester County sheweth that your Petitioner being Part Owner of a small Petty Auger, hired her to a certain William Hinchman, of the same County to carry some Salt to Baltimore Town; That the said William Hinchman is charged with trading with the Enemy; That your Petitioner has no Connection with the said Will^m^ Hinchman and has no Knowledge of his Conduct, and can give no Evidence against him

Your Petitioner further sheweth, that no Crime or offence is alledged against him, yet he is detained in Prison, and every Evening confined in Irons as a Felon

Your Petitioner further sheweth that his confinement is disgracefull and disagreeable and will soon be injurious to his Health, and he is informed will be attended with considerable expence, he therefore prays that if he is detained as a Witness against the said William Hinchman, that his Examination on Oath, may be taken, and if he can Testify nothing against him, that he may be discharged, or that if his Evidence should be deemed necessary, that he may be admitted to give his own Recognizance for his appearance against

him, or if Security should be required for his appearance, that he may be conveyed to Dorchester County where he will give such Security as shall be directed. September 4

Your Petitioner prays that he may be discharged from custody, without paying any Expence, and that his Boat may be restored to him

[Aquila Browne, Queen Ann's County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.] September 4

Sir Your Letter relative to calling on John Browne, Richard Tilghman Earle, William Bruff and Jacob Ringgold Esq^{r} for Cash and Tobacco lost the State came to hand yesterday, and have wrote to the Gentlemen requesting their Immediate Compliance and as soon as rec^{d} shall speedily get it into your hands. I have used every endeavour to borrow money and Tobacco for this State but in vain, but still shall continue and use every method in my power to Procure what I possibly can.

[Address from Sundry Inhabitants of St. Mary's County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^{r} Governor of the State of Maryland and his Honourable Council] September 4

May it please your Excellency & Honours We the subscribers in behalf of ourselves and others Inhabitants of this County take the Liberty of addressing your Excellency and Honors on a Subject (as we conceive) highly important and Interesting to every true friend to this State.

The Dangers we are exposed to daily, from our Enemies, who have lately robb'd several of the Inhabitants between the mouths of Potowmack and Patuxent Rivers of their property, calls for immediate assistance, not only to protect us in our property so openly exposed, but likewise that of all those who shall or may attempt to transport their Effects to, or from any part of Chesapeake Bay. We therefore hope and make no doubt but your Excellency & Honours will take this matter under your consideration and endeavor to redress our Grievances, by ordering some Vessells properly equipp'd, to cruize, as soon as possible in said Bay, for the purpose abovementioned.

We also beg leave to recommend to your Excellency and Honours one Thomas Price a resident in this County (who we are fully convinced from his Knowledge of the Bay, of a Vessell, his Conduct, Activity and Spirit) would exert himself in Annoying, taking, or destroying the Enemy, who, we are informed, intend seizing all our property they can; and if not timely prevented, will, in all probability, render us incapable of supporting our Families; For an Ac-

September 4 count of the Depredation, which have been committed by the Enemy, we refer you to M^r^ Henry Sewall who will deliver you this

We are with all due respect Your Excellency & Honours most Obedient & very Humble Serv^ts^

Nicho^s^ Sewall	W Belwood	Robert Watts
N Lewis Sewall	Rob^t^ Jarboe	Thomas Dillen
Geo: Biscoe	William Holton	

N. B. Application having been made to the Lieutenant of this County, for a Temporary relief without Effect, Occasioned this Address

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[Edwd Giles, Ph'a, to His Excellency Govr. Lee]

Sir I have the Satisfaction to inform your Excellency that I have obtained Arms &^c^ & also a Warrant for clothing for the Regiment. The Cloathing is at Morris Town to which Place I have sent to Secure it. Hats of a very good Quality, we shall obtain in a few Days, an Express having been dispatched Yesterday to Lancaster to order fifteen hundred to be sent immediately from that Place. We are to have a uniform Coat, Wollen Jacket & Overalls, one Shirt and one Hat p^r^ Man. The Board of War inform me, that a large Quantity of Wollens are now fulling to make Blankets of, part of which we may expect to obtain before Winter sets in. The Board as well as our Delegates, advise me, not to march from here, till I have the Men properly cloathed & till the whole joins us there is no immediate Call for men I have wrote to his Excellency the General on this Subject & shall wait his further Orders. The Time we spend in this City shall be employed in getting the men acquainted with the use of the Fire Lock, of which they are now amazingly ignorant. On my first Arrival I waited on the Delegates & the Board of War, I received their orders to Land the Men & march them to the Barracks. We have very good Quarters & are well provided with Provisions. Tis whispered that we are to be sent to the southward.

I have the Pleasure to inform your Excellency that the Acc^ts^ from Gen^l^ Gates's Army appear to be rather exaggerated, as an officer arrived at this City yesterday from N York, who reports that he read in the N York Paper an Acc^t^ of the Action near Cambden to the following Effect. That our Army had been successful in several Skirmishes viz. the two Generals meeting near Cambden on the 16^th^ a general Action ensued, that the Militia gave way on the first fire, I left the Continentals unsupported, who being hard pressed by Lord Cornwallis, retreated & were pursued for four miles with considerable Slaughter. It mentions no officer of Distinction either killed or taken Capt Higgins the Gentleman alluded to, told this to the Board of War in my Hearing.

I shall always be happy in receiving & obeying any Directions your Excellency & the honourable Board may please to honour me with

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Letter
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[Isaac Perkins Kent County to Gov Lee]

September 5

Sir I have received your Circular Letter of August last; before the receipt of which I had Applied to every person in this County I thought likely to lend Specie Continental Money or Tobacco without effect for all Money as well as Tobacco is Very scarce in this County and those few that would lend Continental money is detered from it by the Apprehention of a further Depreciation. I have called on M^{r} Lethrburry for his Subscription money when he said that some Gentleman whoe owed him Double the sum subscribed had promised, to pay the Whole into the Treasurer on his Account which he expected was done. if the people could be Allowed the priviledge of paying thier two next Assessments in wheat at Current price (which at present is 25£ p^{r} bushel, believe a number of persons in this County would doe it Imediately.

[Horatio Gates Hillsborough to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

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Letter
No. 26

Sir By a Resolve of Congress, which your Excellency must have seen, I am authorized to call upon your State for Supplies, for the Southern Army. The State of Things here, having made it necessary, I have drawn on you, in favor of Col^{o} Thomas Polk, dated the 14th Ultimo for One Hundred Thousand Pounds Lawful Money of Virginia. and the Paymaster General Joseph Clay Esq^{r} by my Direction hath also drawn two other Bills, Payable to Peter Mallett Esq^{r} for Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, all of which I hope will be paid. These Sums are to pay for Provisions already furnished the Army, and without these Gentlemen are enabled to comply with their Contracts, the Business of Supply will go on but heavily. I have in giving of, and ordering Draughts to be given, divided my Demands in due Proportion between your State, and the States of Virginia and North Carolina. Our prospects for renewing the operations against the Enemy, brighten, and I have no Doubt, being aided by the patriotic Exertions of the Southern States: we shall yet recover the State of South Carolina, in a Short Time. You will receive under cover from the Governor of Virginia my Letter of this Date to Congress, with the Inclosures, under a flying Seal, which you will be pleased to read seal up, and forward on to Congress, as soon as possible. as soon as it can be done with accuracy a Return of the brave Maryland troops, remaining after the Action of the 16th Ulto. shall be forwarded.

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Letter
No. 61

[J. Henry Jr. to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee Esquire]

Dear Sir Majr Giles has a warrant from the Board of war for a number of Articles, which I am in hopes will cloath his troops tolerably well for the present. He is still in this Town where I have advised him to stay untill he has secured his Clothing, which is in the Store at Camp. He will not be wanting at camp immediately, as I am afraid all hopes of offensive operations against N. York is entirely frustrated by the want of a superior naval force, the General has discharged the militia of this and other States, partly from the cause above, but principally for the want of provisions. The Army has been for some Days without meat and has only depended upon the gleanings of the neighbouring Country which is now entirely exhausted. Flour is from day to day scantily supplied, and after a small quantity is gone which the General has drawn from West point there is not another Barrel nearer than Trenton. It is in vain to veil our situation, the Army must disband, unless other states will do as Maryland has done; If Laws taking the surplus of provisions were passed in some States relief might be given. The Generals Letter upon the present state of the Army is a circular one, and I presume you have it before now. All the provisions, that have been procured ought to be forwarded as soon as possible. This subject I flatter myself will engage your Excellency's and the Council's Attention

The plates for the new Emissions meet with great delays. It was with some difficulty that we procured metal proper for them. The workmen who have undertaken it, has made little progress in the Business and is now very unwell, so that I can give no certain information when you may expect them.

The papers respecting Col. Hollinsworth will be sent forward by to Days post; your Letter and the Colonels on that subject I put into the Hands of a Gentlemen & the Treasury

September 6
Brown Book
No. 1
Letter No. 40
(G. W.'s
Circular
Letter of
May 25),
(Sparks
VII, p. 50,
Ford VIII,
p. 284),
Aug. 27
(Ford VIII,
p. 400) and
Act 27
(Ford VIII,
p. 502) are
found in
Brown Book
No. 1,
Letters 33,
37, and 38

The British Fleet has left Rhode Island and are on their return to N. York. It is said a number of empty transports are ready for some purpose, but what is not yet known.

Mr Hanson has been very unwell for a week past and of course the State unrepresented. It is now a very critical Time, and I wish not to be alone. I have wrote to Messrs Jenifer and beg you will do the same, urging the necessity of his attendance.

[George Washington to T. S. Lee]

Letter printed by Sparks VII p 186 with the following changes: "lately raised" altered to "enlisted to serve during," "of your State" add after "recruits" and "or of how extensive a nature it is" omitted after "late disaster." The letter was written upon receipt of news of Gates's defeat.

The letter is endorsed thus: "War Office, Septr. 11th 1780. The Troops (who are all here) will proceed immediately to the Head of Elk. Maj Giles has rec'd orders from this office for coats, vests, linen overalls, Shirts, hats & shoes, knapsacks & Canteens, & arms, & accoutrements for 450 men. It is expected all the articles will be recd. but the men will want woolen overalls or breeches, & stockings—articles which cannot be furnished here, & yet essential. B. S." September 6 Brown Book No. 1 Letter No. 40

[James Hindman, Talbot County to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee] September 6

Sir Your Favors of the 21st and 22d Augst I received by Mr Gibson one enclosing your order on Mr Chamberlaine for £16000 which I have applied to the payment of the Flour purchased of Mr Barnaby agreeable to my Contract with him, and according to your directions in the other Letter I have called on the several Gentlemen of the Assembly therein mentioned who subscribed their Money and Tobacco, and have received from Mr Henry Banning his Subscription, which I will send over to the Western Shore Treasury by the first safe Conveyance, Mr Wm Hindman's subscription I left with the Treasurer when I was last in Annapolis. Mr Matt Tilghman will pay his Tobacco as soon as he can get it inspected, the other Subscribers have paid to some of the other Gentlemen appointed to receive, I have done my utmost endeavours to procure Loans from the Gentlmen of this County, but the great scarcity of Money and the backwardness in men to qualify as Inspectors have hitherto prevented my Success in that way.

Enclosed is a List of the Horses I purchased and sent to the Care of Col Hollingsworth at Elk with the Prices given, you will observe on the List that I have granted Certificates for some of them which are agreeable to your directions, with 9 of those purchased by me I sent eight received from the Nonjurors making in the whole at Elk seventeen, I have two still in my possession shall continue to purchase untill I get the Quota allotted to this County; please to inform me whether I am to purchase 25 Horses exclusive of the number furnished by the Nonjurors as it is the opinion of some Gentlemen that the Horses furnished by the Nonjurors are to be in part of the Quota to be supplied by each County.

Agreeable to your Directions to the Lieutenant of the County he has advertised the people that they may pay Wheat at sixty Dollars pr Basket for the 15 pr Cent. I have also given Notice that I am ready to receive it of those that incline to pay I fear very few will comply, it being the general opinion the Lieutenant has not a power to compel the payment. I have not yet been able to purchase wheat at sixty Dollars the expectations of the Farmers have been much higher, but

September 6 had I now the money, it might be procured at that price, and some people are willing to take the new Money at 40 for 1 others again will not contract in that way they think where they have contracted heretofore in Continental Money their Creditors will not receive it of them but Dollar for Dollar; I fear it will be some time before it gets into general Circulation. I will however endeavour to make my Contracts in it in the way you direct. I have already contracted for an hundred head of Cattle at £90 p^{r} hundred which is agreeable to the Price allowed by the Assembly to those who choose to pay Beef on the Hoof in lieu of the 28th of Tobacco tax at which rate according to your former directions I had advertised to receive it, you now direct me to give 5½ Dollars new Money which at 40 for 1 is equal to £82..10 the People generally knowing the Price allowed by the Assembly will not take under the £90 am therefore under the necessity of giving that price for what I purchase I think I shall be able to purchase a larger number than I have already contracted for. It will not be in my power to forward them untill I am furnished with money to hire men for that purpose and for defraying the necessary expences on the Journey must request you to supply me as soon as you conveniently can with a sum sufficient for that purpose and to comply with my Contracts.

The Bearer George M^{c}Namara a soldier inlisted by myself in the first Troops raised by this State, he then inlisted for three years in the Service of this State, when the Maryland Troops were ordered to the Northward, as a part of the flying Camp, on my way to join the Army this Man deserted from me at Philadelphia, He was taken up here as a Deserter and committed to Jail, Col^{l} Richardson hearing of it examined the Man, found he had inlisted again in a Regiment belonging to Virginia, from which Regiment he had received a discharge on Account of sore legs and finding him to have very bad legs he also give him a discharge, the Man has since lost that discharge and Col. Richardson out of the Country, He prays your Excellency would give him a proper discharge, it appears from a Certificate of Col. Richardsons Clerk that he had given this man a discharge.

Upon Recollection this Man had sore Legs when he inlisted which I did not discover at the time of his inlisting Doct^{r} Troup is of the opinion that the Mans Legs will never get well enough for him to do the duty of a Soldier.

September 6 [Dan. Bowly Baltimore to the Honble. John Hawkins Stone Esqr, President of Council]

Sir I am now to acknowledge receipt of both your favors of the 2^{d} and 5th Instant: The intelligence they contain concerning the State of the Enemy in our Bay, shall be communicated to the

Commanders of our Fleet as far as is necessary. The first Plan we proposed was to fit three Barges and send them down the Bay with a Fleet of Merchant men bound for Statia, the owners of which Fleet promising to order their Captains not only to protect the Barges but to Cruize for some time in the Bay and endeavor to route the Enemy from it: there arose so many difficulties, and the variety of opinions concerning the propriety of this plan, clogd it so, that we were under the necessity of droping the Barges. The owners of two or three Brigs still continuing to agree that they shoud Cruize from hence to the Capes on their outward Passage; and it was intended they shoud have saild yesterday: but unfortunately we received intelligence from Statia (where those Vessells were bound) that the English had entirely blockt up that Port. we now wait 'til this days Post arrives, and if these Accounts prove true, our Vessells will of course be stopd, at least for a considerable Time, and I fear it break up our intended Expedition. September 6

You shall be advised of the Steps we mean to take

[Wm. Middleton to Gov. Lee] September 6

S[r] The term for which I was engaged in the State Boat Dolphin, being nearly expired, I think it a duty incumbent on me to give you this timely notice; of my Intention to leave a service in which I have ever been happy, And flatter myself I have given pretty generall satisfaction in the Execution of that duty; however notwithstanding my Resolution to leave the service I am willing to Continue if a sufficient Compensation is allowed to enable me Support my Family which are not very large nor expensive

The season of the Year is approaching very fast when the greatest Industry and exertion in me will scarcely procure them the necessareys for the insuing Winter

[T. Donellan, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee] September 7
Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 89

Sir In Obedience to your Excellencys Comm[rs] of the 2[d] Inst: I inclose a Return of Provisions Received & Disburst by me for the State of Maryland from my Commencement to this day inclusive.

The Inspector has not yet met with one Barrel fit to be Branded as Baltimore Fine, & M[r] Smith will not Receive any other.

Shall have what is Condemned Baked into Bisket as soon as possible but the Baker insists on being paid Monthly for what work, he does as will appear by my certificates, on failure of which he says he will be under a necessity of Stopping.

Shall forward all the good Flour as quick as possible.

My Return shews that I have forwarded to me w[ch] kept me so busy that I cou'd not write sooner

Return of Provisions belonging to the State of Maryland Received by Th[s] Donnellan at Baltimore from the time of his Appointment in June last To this 7[th] Sept[r] 1780 inclusive

From Whom Received	Flour Barrels	Ship Stuff Bales	Indian Corn		Rye		Bacon	Pork Bls	Shad B[ls]	Herring B[ls]	Rum	
			Casks Qty un known	In Bulk Bushels	Casks Qty un known	In Bulk Bush[ls]					Hds	Q[ts]
M[r] John Moles	36	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Thomas Beatty	219	....	....	751	....	28¾	....	....	....	....	....	....
Henry Shryock	29	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Rich[d] Dulham	64	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Henry Snively	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Normond Bruce	107	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Edw[d] Gather	99	....	34	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Joshua Stevenson	636	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jonathan Hudson	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	85	....	....
Upsher King	....	....	....	....	....	....	129	3	....	....	....	....
Nath[l] Kenner J[r]	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	40	10	....	....
Mathew Swan	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	40	23	....	....
John Dorsey	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	1040
Total Amounts Received	1220	12	34&	751	1&	28¾	129	3	95	118	10	1040

Return of Provisions forwarded &c

Dates	To Whom Sent	Flour barrels	Ship stuff	Casks	Bush. in bulk	Indian Corn		Bacon	Pork	Shad	Herring	Rum	
June 22d	Col. H. Hollingsworth p W^{m}. Middleton	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	70	....	....
26	Ass^{t}. & Com^{y} of ss Annapolis p Ditto	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	15	....	....
July 15	Col. H. Hollingsworth p J^{n} Pitt & J^{n} Haddock	....	....	....	....	....	....	129	3	80	33	....	....
26	M^{r}. W^{m}. Smith For the Marine of France	412	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Aug. 8	Annapolis p Capt. Barry	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	1040
25	Col. H. Hollingsworth p J^{s} Taylor (Condemn^{d}. Flour)	96	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sep. 6	Th^{s}. Ramsey Ass^{t}. C^{ry} of s^{s} Head of Elk	150	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
7	D^{o}. D^{o}. D^{o}.	120	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	D. Poe D. 2: M: G^{l}. at Sundry times	....	....	....	531½	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	Total Amount Forwarded &^{c}.	778	....	....	531½	....	....	129	3	95	118	10	1040
	Return of Provisions remaining in Store with T. Donnellan 7th Sept. 1780												
	Total Amount on hand 7th Sept. 1780	442	12	34 & 1219½		1	28¾	....	....	....	....	....	....

Note, 70 Barrels of the above Flour on hand is Condemn'd & 298 are yet to be Inspected
T. Donnellan

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Letter No. 134

[Jeremiah Banning, Talbot County to Council]

Recommends militia appointments.

September 6
Red Book No. 28
Letter No. 69

[Richard Smith, Monocacy to Thos Richardson]

Dear Sir Agreeable to your Request I have made Enquirey in our Neighbourhood about beef for the army, & find there is some very Good ones to be got but not at the price you desired me to Engage it for, nor neither will the people take the New money that is now coming out at the Exchange of forty for one without I will Oblige myself to make the one as Good as Forty, I make not the Least doubt, if you will Furnish me with money that will Suit the people & allow me to give them something more but what I can get you a Clever Drove in a very Short time & them that is fit for Immediate use, please to let me know by the Bearer as there is a parcell kept for me untill I can hear from you some few I may get at the price you desired me to give; The people that is going to Carolina & has Cattle for Sale will not take the new money at any Rate you may depend that I will get them for you upon the best Terms that Lays in power, but the butchers is given Twenty shillings & upwards p^{r} lb for Beef. I do Expect to get you a Waggon Load of wheat Down to the mill this week which I have Sold the Salt for the Waggon Load which was deliuered by Thomas Dowden I shall be much Oblige to you for the money for it, as he is a going to leave the State Immediately & Looks to me for the money that is now in Circulation as no other will Suit him. If you should be Inclinable to purchase the Beef please to send me what Cash as you may think proper as the people who I expect to purchase the Chiefest part of is a going to leave the State Immediately

September 7

[Thos Richardson, Georgetown, to Gov. Lee]

Dear Sir The foregoing is Copy of a letter I rec^{d} from Col^{o} Smith respecting Beef &c by which you will see how cautious the people are & the fears they have respecting the New money. I am sensible how much depends on its gaining an immediate Credit & shall do all in my power to gain it one, but I am still of opinion that it Chiefly depends on the conduct of the Wealthy traders in Baltimore whether it passes Current or not. I was at Newport Mill on Monday we had then taken in there 1700 Bushells of Wheat & about 100 at M^{r} Laceys Mill, it would come in very fast if I had money to pay for it, in procuring this I have advanced all the salt I had by me & drawn orders on the Stores in Town untill my Credit is on the Stretch. I must request you to lay Col^{o} Smiths letter before His Excellency & Council & I should be glad to have their instructions on the subject of it by return of Post as I expect him in Town on Sunday & it may save me a ride of 80 miles. I have no doubt of a supply of Cash as soon as possible, on its being speedy depends my

own peace & the Quantity of Provisions I shall purchase. I sup- September 7
pose you have before this time the Particulars of our Defeat to the Southward, I am happy to understand it is not so bad as we were first taught to believe, but it is bad enough as it is. I dread to hear the Fate of some of my particular Friends. I am Your Obed^{t} h^{ble} Serv^{t}

P. S. I have never rec^{d} the order on M^{r} Johns nor the Certificate I wrote to you for.

[Rich'd Dallam to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] September 7
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 92

Sir The merchants in Baltimore Town wld not buy the Tob^{o} Your Excellency sent me unless Yould engage to deliver it there & clear it from the Assesm^{t}. As this was out of my Power I could do nothing with it, I have endeavour'd to Barter it for Beef or Wheat but have not yet been Able, I shall be glad to have some further orders about it.

[Pat. Sim Smith, Calvert to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee Esqr] September 7

Dear Sir I had the pleasure of receiving your kind favour on Tuesday last by M^{r} Jones together with a letter from the Council inclosing an order on the Collectors of our County for six thousand pounds.

I am very sensible of the necessity for the most speedy Efforts to supply our Army with provisions and you may be assured of my utmost exertions for the purpose, but I have been unfortunately prevented lately from making such as I intended by the Illness of my Brother in law M^{r} William Greenfield who lay at the point of death for near a fortnight past & I have been obliged to attend him day & night during the Time.

He is now on the Recovery but I find myself much Indisposed from the fatigue & anxiety I have suffered. However hope it will soon go off & flatter myself I shall shortly be able to give an Account of my success and expectations in purchasing

Some Wheat is already carried to Fitzhughs Mill & he is desirous to know how you would have it manufactured.

Inclosed is a note from him on the Subject and we wish to have directions immediately

[William Bayly Jr. Montgomery County to Gov. Lee] September 8

Sir Your Excellency and the Counsil will Perceive by the Subscription List made by the General Assembly, that I subscribed 2000$^{\#}$ Tob^{o} £225 Continental Currency and £3 Specia, as I apprehend you want this Tob^{o} and money to send to the Comisarys to Purchase Wheat and Beef, and as I am to furnish M^{r} Richardson with a

September 8 Quantity of Both, to more than the amount of my Subscription, it will suit me better to Settle it in this way, and if it should answer your purpose as well you will please inform me by a line.

September 9 [Chas Blake, Corsica to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I rec^{d} y^{r} Ex^{cys} favour of the 21 ult^{o} by M^{r} Feddeman M^{r} Hemsley has advertis'd that the 15 p^{r} C^{t} may be discharged in wheat but none has yet come in. I have 1200 bus: for which I hourly expect a Craft by which I shall send to Col. Hollingsworth 3 barrels of pork and some bacon. There is now a Vessel load of Wheat going to Elk of 1500 bus: which I am to have if I can pay for it in three weeks, if not it will be sold by the Owner as it is wheat he is in debt for. If y^{r} Ex^{cy} can lett me have the Cash I can secure that and much more, there is now to be had a great deal of wheat here at £22.10. M^{r} Hemsley has rec^{d} some Cash for the 15 p^{r} C^{t} and probably may receive a good deal more if I had an order on him for what he has or may receive it might assist till you could send a farther supply. If I had cash I could send of immediatly ten or fifteen thousand bus: I have the promise of some beef on the hoof but tis not yet in condition. I have to send an immediate answer by the way of Kent Island, I have had some letters sent via Rock Hall and some by Cambridge that did not come to hand in a long time.

September 9
Brown Book
No. 8
Letter
No. 16 [Horatio Gates Hillsborough to Gov. Jefferson Copy]

Sir Intelligence of a very particular Sort, is just arrived from Camden, by a Person in whom we can confide; and no Doubt remains, but that he may have been imposed upon; by a Finesse of the Enemy. Since then two Deserters from the Enemy's 23^{d} Regiment came in, and in a Manner confirm the Intelligence. It is as follows. That Lord Cornwallis is going immediately, to embarque his Main Force at George Town, for Cape Fear, and has wrote to Sir Harry Clinton, to send a Reinforcement to take immediate Possession of Portsmouth in your State. That two Regiments of Hessians only, are to remain in Garrison at Charles Town. and the Seventh Regiment at Savanah. That a Guard would be left at Camden to cover the General Hospital, and send the sick and wounded as they recover to Charles Town.

The 63^{d} Regiment had already marched down with the Prisoners and Bryants Corps. Tarleton with the Legion, was gone to the Waxhaws, to collect Horses for the Waggons, to take the Baggage down the Country. The Council of Officers who assembled Yesterday at my Quarters, were of Opinion, that I should immediately, transmit this Intelligence to Your Excellency, that the Executive of your State might be preparing, to defeat the Enemy's Designs. Since I wrote your Excellency on the . Colonel Marian of South Carolina has surprized a Party of the Enemy, near Santee River,

escorting 150 Prisoners of the Maryland Division; he took the Party, and released the Prisoners, who are now, upon their march to Cross Creek where I sent Lieut. Colonel Ford, and proper Officers to conduct them Hither when these join; our Loss in Continentals, will be few; in Comparison of what from their once hopeless Situation might have been expected. Certain Persons have been extreamly anxious that I should remove the Whole Force and take Post with them immediately in Mechlenburgh and Roan Counties, on the Western Border of the State. As this does not correspond with my own judgement, nor with that of many others whom I esteem very good Officers; I shall defer doing it, until I am convinced by some Movement of the Enemy, which way they point; and what is the real Object they have in View. September 9 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 16

Should Willmington in this State, and Portsmouth in yours be the Posts they intend to take, I conceive the Southern Army would be entirely misplaced, at Charlotte, Salisbury, and the Ford upon the Yadkin; consequently I shall halt all the Continental Troops here until the Designs of the Enemy become so apparent, there can be no mistaking them. General Stevens who is posted near Guildford Court House acquaints me in his Letter the 6th Instant, that his Command, is by Desertion, reduced to 130 Men. I have directed him to Officer that Number, in a proper Manner; and come himself with the supernumerary Officers, to Hillsborough, in his Way to Richmond, where he can receive the Orders of the Executive for his future Conduct. I am astonished at Colonel Buford's Command, arriving here this Day; without Tents. Sickness, Death, and Desertion, must certainly be the dire Result, of sending Troops into the Field at the Autumnal Equinox, unfurnished with so essential an Article. Cost what they will, or get them how we may, they must be supplied, or ruin will ensue. I request your Excellency will send an exact Copy of this Letter, with your First Dispatch to Congress, and desire the President to order one to be sent immediately to His Excellency Gen[l] Washington

[Fran's Ware, Port Tobacco to Gov. Lee.] September 9

May it please your Excellency Enclosed you have a Return of the Public Armes ammunition and accoutriments now in Charles County. the Greatest Part of the Powder is so bad in Quality that I could not Require men to go to Action with it. and there are 16 of the Muskets Render[d] in a most Shattered Condition by Capt Joseph Marburys Recruiting party Last Spring, Who had the use of them to apprehend and Guarde deserters, and We have no person in this County Sufficiently Qualified to Repair them. therefore should be Glad to be instructed What I am to do with them and the bad Powder. I have agreeable to instructions notified to those Classes Who Have not furnished Recruits that Wheat Would be

September 9 Rec[d] in discharg of the 15 p[r] Cent. but believe We shall Get very Little of that Article as it is scarce and Esq[r] Jenefer has already engaged all that was for sale in the county for the use of the army. I shall take Every advisable measure to have the Deserters apprehended. Jackson I have already Got and believe he has been prevented joining the Regiment by Sickness. Tho shall send him with five other Recruits for Annapolis this day,

September 10 [Jas. Calhoun Baltimore to the Honble Council]

Gentlemen Since my return I find a M[r] Mathews of this Town is buying flour for the Directors of the Bank at Philad[a] which am apprehensive will considerable interfer with my purchases and tend to raise the prices, I called on that Gentleman yesterday & informed him that there was a Law of the State against sending Provision away without permission of the Gov[r] & Council (which by the by expires this day unless you issue a Proclamation to the contrary) he was a good deal alarmed & asured me that his purchases yet did not amount to more than 300 Bb[les] none of which should be sent farther than Elk until he rec[d] other instructions

As the Bank at Philad[a] was established for the purpose of supplying the Army it appears to me that if a greater quantity of wheat or flour came to this Market for sale than our finances would enable us to purchase that it would be right to permit those Gentlemen to be supplyd from hence as it would tend to establish a constant & certain Market to the farmer as well as aiding the common cause but submit it to your Hon[rs] how far it would be prudent to have a competition of purchases which always tend to raising of prices, my humble opinion is that it would be most for the public interest if the whole could go through the same channel

M[r] Smith is candid enough to confess that he is apprehensive a considerable part of the flour he proposed to lend is the worse for keeping but says that he cannot be justified in having it pick'd & the worst left on his hand, the Bread I believe is chiefly made up of flour that was in danger of spoiling

The Collectors of this County are but just entering upon that business the only one I have yet seen is M[r] McGlaughlin of this Town who promises to raise the money for your order in my favour as soon as possible

September 10 [Joseph Dashiell, Worcester County, to Gov. Lee]

Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 93 Sir In Consequence of yours of the 21 Ult. which I Rec[d] this day week, Immediately rode round the County in Sarch of pork, Cattle & Wheat, the latter I believe I shall not get one B[lls] of as 5 p C[t] more is offred for it to seed the Ground & Thirty five Barrels of pork was all I Could Ingage, Owing as I Believe to Col[o] Dag-

worthys Giving four hundred & fifty pound a Bar[l] for it in this County, I have Ingaged Sixty Cattle, and hope in a few days to make up a Drove of One hundred, If I can only Be furnished with Cash to pay for them, I am afraid we shall not be able to get many Cattle, heare that is fit to Drive as the Cattle is Generaly young & small, sum Cattle may be had upon Certificate if the Collectors would Receive their Certificates in payment of the present assesment. September 10 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 93

Our people do not seem fond of Dealing in new mony: they ask me from Eighty to a hundred pounds p[r] hundred for Beef in the common money I have not yet made them any offers, Untill I heare from you, and have Your Direction what to give in Common, Circulating money. I am afraid we shall get no more pork, at the price Limitted, as the people Inform me they Can have Two hundred Dollars a barrel more for their pork: at their own Dores Ten Barels of what I got this week I allowed £400 for it being Excellent and Repacked with allom Salt the same man had Ten Bar: more that he offered me for £450: I hope that will not be allow'd as others will think hard if they have not a hier price if he gets that.

Sundry of Our Gent[a] have offered to Inshure and Deliver Corn at Trentown for the same that the Corn Shipt by the head of Elk Cost or for the same that the Comesary at Philadelphia give in reddy Cash for the Armey this they will do on Certificates if your Excellency & Co will only Direct me to ship it that way, and on these Conditions I am Convinced I should get a Considerable Quantity sent forward that way, I shall Ship Near Two thousand Bhs. of Corn & near forty Bar[s] pork at Snow hill & Salesbury this week, as I heare the Crusars is Gone down the Bay, but for fear of their Return I am In hopes You will send down sum Vesels to Cover them, I have been Oblidge to Call on my Bro: Geo. Dashiell the Lieu[t] of Somerset for several Thousand pounds to assist me to pay for provision, hope you will Give me an Order on him for Ten Thousand pounds or what you please, as I am Under Sundry Ingagements that I am afraid I Cannot Comply with as our people pay their Class money Very Slowly

I submit it to your Excellency, wheather we had not Better take Beaff on the Hoof for the Class mony I am fully Perswaded that I should get many good Cattle by it, and save the mony in hand.

I am sorry to Inform you that no mony will Be obtained here upon Lone, as I have Called on all my Brethren in that way and find they have got no more but what I informed you off, when I was Last at Annapolis. As soon as I make up a drove of One hundred Cattle I shall send them forward to the head of Elk. The Collectors of the Tax have not been Able to pay me one Shilling Yet they say Every one pay their Taxes in Certificates.

I hope the Barer M[r] Price will bring me sum Cash to keep up my Credit, which I Can only barely Soport at Present. I sent you

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forward By Doctor Houston two soldiers which hope he has Deliverd & Four Bar: pork & Eighty Eight pounds of Bacon which hope you have Rec[d] safe.

You may rest asured that nothing on my part shall be wanting to forward the Campain and hope if my Credit is kept up to Answer your most Sanguin Expectation.

N B I hope you will give me orders to ship what Corn I have on the Sea Side to Trentown as I think it Less Dangerous then to Ship it to the head of Elk: and Can have it Inshured.

September 10 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 71

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excellency the Governor, Lee]

Sir Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed an Act of Congress of the 6 Instant, adopting the report of a Committee, together with Copies of the several Papers referred to in the report.

I am directed to transmit Copies of this report, and the several Papers therein mentioned to the Legislatures of the several States, that they all may be informed of the Desires & Endeavours of Congress on so important a Subject, and those particular States which have Claims to the western Teritory, and the State of Maryland may adopt the Measures recommended by Congress in Order to obtain a final Ratification of the Articles of Confederation

Congress impressed with a Sense of the vast Importance of the Subject have maturely considered the same and the Result of their Deliberation is contained in the enclosed Report, which being full & expressive of their Sentiments upon the Subject; without any additional Observation it is to be hoped & most earnestly desired that the wisdom, Generosity & Candour of the Legislatures of the several States which have it in their Power on the one Hand to remove the Obstacles & on the other to complete the Confederation, may direct them to such Measures, in Compliance with the earnest Recommendations of Congress, as shall speedily accomplish an Event so important & desirable as the final Ratification of the Confederation by all the States.

September 11 Red Book No. 32 Letter No. 3

[Wm. Beatty Colo. to Gov. Lee]

May it please your Excellency Sir There being Vacancies in the Companies of the Frederick Town Battalion of Militia I take the liberty to recommend to your Excellency the persons I think are quallified to fill them. And who I believe will accept of the appointment Viz. John Due Cary as Cap[t] in the place of Peter Gro[sh] resigned and John Shelman as first Lieu[t] in the place of Archibald Boyd; left this County Richard Waters as 2[d] Lieu[t] the Ensign I omit for another oppertunity: Gary Harding in the place of Peter Kephart left the State John Compton his first & John Johnson his 2[d] Lieutenant Thomas Hill Ensign. Also Thomas Long Ensign in

Cap^{t} John Stoners Company. I flatter myself if your Excellency knowes of no objection the Commissions will be forwarded by Cap^{t} Boyer the bearer hereof that I may be enabled to muster the whole Battalion on our next field Day. September 11 Red Book No. 32 Letter No. 3

[G. B. Causin, Causin Manor to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr.] September 11

Sir About 6 or 8 Days since, I had the honor of receiving y^{rs} & the hon^{ble} Councils L^{re} dated Aug^{t} last. In answer thereto I am to inform you that I think there is very little Dependence to be put in any further Assistance in the Loan Way from this County; at least from the Inhabitants in my District There being but few who I think are able to do more than pay their Taxes according to due Course of Law; & those few who are able, to all Appearance the least willing. I have made enquiry concerning the Subscriptions of our County Assembly men & find M^{r} Stone has p^{d} his to M^{r} Jenifer, M^{r} Dent is to do the same. M^{r} Hanson promises to pay his to M^{r} Turner, & M^{r} Digges I immagine has paid his to M^{r} Hemmersley. As to money, there is very little in circulation with us at present, having had but a trifling Market for Tob^{o} this Summer.

If there was any Chance of Success, your Excell^{y} may be assured I would persevere in the Business with Pleasure; but knowing from Experience there is not I am for that Reason & that only, at present inactive in it.

[Jno. C. Harrison, Cambridge to The Honb^{le} Thos. Sim Lee Esqr] September 11

Sir I have to lament with your Hon^{ble} Board the extreme Poverty of the Treasury as also the low Credit of the State in this County (having fully put it to the Test by applying to the first Gent. with us for their Wheat who have refused unless prompt Payment can be made) the last is owing to the failure of payment by the Continental Purchasers. I have pledged my Honor & advanced my Cash so largely on Account of M^{r} Wederstrandt last Winter which at present I have little prospect of having returned in any reasonable Time that I cannot think of giving my word to the People for payment of any Cattle unless I was conscious of being able to keep it which from the general Tenor of your Letters I am of opinion I cannot.

From 100 to 200 Head of Cattle may be procured in this County; had I been furnished with Cash I coud have made a considerable purchase by this time, every days delay adds to their Price as many are purchasing, I shall have some difficulty to get many to take the new Money.

Pork is now currently selling at £450 ℔ B^{ble} I know of about 40 Bb^{les} which I believe may be had for that Price. I have laid out

September 11 the order for £6000 in Wheat as it lays on Hunting Creek nigh the Mills should be glad to know if you chuse to have it & about 50 Bus I have rec^{d} for Certificates manufactured and your Terms for manufacturing for the State. I have received about 300^{lt} of Bacon & 2 Bb^{les} of Flour which I have delivered to Lieut^{t} Hoopers orders for the use of the Militia in the lower part of the County. The Tobacco mentioned in your Letter can be readily disposed of at the Price limitted.

September 11 [Smith & Matthews Baltimore to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir In consequence of the very urgent necessity which our Armey is in for want of Flour, the Patriotick Bank in Philadelphia established, has supplyed us with money and directed us to purchase in this place a quantity of Flour to be immediately forwarded to Camp we have accordingly purchased and sent to the Head of Elk a small quantity and intend procuring more, but as by the Law of this State Flour &c cannot be carryed out of it, with out your Excellencys permission. I take the Liberty of beging you would favour us with a permit to purchase and forward Flour to the Bank in Philadelphia for the use of the Army any security your Excellency may think necessary to prevent our abusing such a power will be given

September 12 [Tho. Price, Frederick Town to the Governor & Council]

Gentlemen His Excelency's Letter dated August 21st and Col^{o} Stones dated Septr 5th came to hand the 7th agreeable to your directions I have sent the Hats to Baltimore to the care of M^{r} George Keeport. The waters have for sometime been so low that very little grinding has been done however there is now a good prospect as it has been raining the best part of this day and likely to continue.

The Farmers are in the hight of seeding, very few Waggons can be had until that business is over which will be in about two weeks and then few will go without they can besure of the Cash when the service is done.

I believe there will be very little Beef delivered for the present Assesment not any yet offer'd. I think a quantity but not a large one may be purchased for Cash at about £90 ℔ hundred but I shall not offer more then £82.10 unless I have your Instructions for so doing. The Tobacco as mentioned in his Excelency's Letter I think will not answer in this County D^{r} Thomas one of the Collectors for the Lone tells me he has receiv'd about 6900 Dollars, I believe the other Collectors has not received any. I have talked with Col^{o} Johnson who has Acted as Lieu^{t} of this County respecting peoples delivering wheat in lieu of the 15 ℔ Cent under the law for filling up the Ba-

talion where the men have not been found and advised him to make it known to the Publick by Advertisements which he promised to do I have not any doubt but they will be very glad of this indulgence I am sure they ought to be. September 12

I have received about 800 Bushels of Wheat and should have had the most of it ground before now but was inform'd by the Millers that the Flour made of new Wheat would not keep more then three or four weeks which I find to be true upon a small trial some of the most experienced of them says we may now go on grinding with Safety I have accordingly given orders to forward that work with all expedition the wheat to be deliverd for the present Assesment is but beginning to come in I think a large quantity will be delivered by the last of the Month. There appears to be a more backwardness in this County than usual however if I can be furnished with cash for the purchase of Beef on the hoof, & to pay Coopers for Barrels, waggoners for carriage &c I believe we shall as heretofore be one of the foremost County's in the State you may depend that every thing shall be done in my power to expedite the Business.

[Jas Calhoun, Baltimore to the Hon'ble Council] September 12

Gentlemen I was oblidged out of Town yesterday evening I have just now return'd I find your favour of the 11th together with two hundred & fifty pounds sent me p Jonathan Parker who seems anxious to get away again which will prevent me being so particular until another oppertunity.

M^r^ Mathews had engaged the flour from the Miller near Town until this week & very little has come in Waggons since I came up nor could it be expected so early in the week however I have not the least doubts of purchasing a considerable quantity in a few days if the new Money will circulate freely, I have not yet been able to get cash for the Tobacco Notes nor to receive any on the order, you shall hear from me frequently

[Baruch Williams, Cecil Co'ty, to Gov. Lee] September 12

Sir Yours of the 21^st^ of August, inclosing ten Tobacco notes came to hand on the 8^th^ of Sept^r^ and that of the 6^th^ on the 9^th^ the Tobacco I can dispose of but am Certain that the Certificates will be of little use to me. I am realy sorry to inform you that it has not been in my Power to purchase any of the Articles wanting, saving about 600^lt^ of Bacon some of which I have been obliged to Issue to the Order of the Lieutenant for the use of the Recruits of this Co^ty^

The order given me on the Collector for £6000 will not be paid by him, he having a sufficient number of Certificates to Cover the ballance due. the Bacon I have paid for with money borrowed

September 12 I shall from promises made me Collect in this County near 50 Beef perhaps more they are not yet in Sufficient order, by the middle of October I think they will do. Money is much wanted in this County Wheat is selling for £30 p^{r} Bushell in this Cot^{y} flower about £100 ℔ l^{b} in Philadelphia those articles I can get none of unless I am permitted to give as high as the purchasers in the Delaware & Pensyl^{a} deducting the Expense of transportation. an argument the people make use of is, that they ought to reap some advantage on account of their Situation being nearer the Market, therefore the great price of freight from the lower Co^{tys} in this State is saved, which if added to the price I offer wou'd be got If I can get money some wheat can be now got on Susquehanna for £25 to the amount of four or five thousand Bushells, which cannot be had without it, money I must have also for the Beef.

The new Emissions I shall meet with some difficulty at first in passing I have partly Contracted for 70 Barrells of old flower which only waits for an Inspection. if possible I shall immediately inform you by the Post as that will be the readiest way I can send

Only let me have Cash and you may rest assuredly that no indeavour shall be wanting in me to Comply with your request very largely, if a little addition could be made to the price of Wheat & Flower

Note I have just taken a ride thro this County in every Quarter of it

September 12 [J. Randall Petersburgh to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I have just arriv'd here from Hillsborough where the Maryland Troops are encamp'd since the retreat from Camden. I am endeavouring to send them some Clothing and Stores, but find great difficulty in procuring Waggons I have waited on Governor Jefferson at Richmond and no plan can be fallen upon to get them here. I beg leave to propose to your Excellency to have provided as soon as Possible four or five Close cover'd Waggons with good horses and Drivers, for the purpose of transporting clothing and Stores to Camp, they may then be sent regular and Safe from Wet or Plunder from which the greatest Care on my part (hitherto could not prevent

Unless this method is adopted there is no probability of sending even the stores I now have on hand to the Troops who are in a distressed situation. The whole of their Baggage lost not even the Officers have a change of linnen. Inclos'd is a return of what I have on hand to send them. Likewise a list of the officers who have Receiv'd from me the Money advanced by the State. The Rapid March of the Troops in a country where no post is establish'd put it out of my power to send it sooner. The Balance of the Specie I have

sent to Camden to the Officers who are prisoners there. The Continental money and some that I borrowd of Col° Adams I have laid out for the Officers. I am Sorry to inform you that I lost a Waggon taken by the Enemy on the Retreat from Camden in which was about half a barrel of Tea Twenty odd y^ds^ broad cloth about Sixty y^ds^ Irish linnen and Brittanees with a good deal of Other damag'd clothing and the Greatest part of my papers and Vouchers which will embarrass me much in Settling my accounts. Capt. Gassaway the bearer of this who is on Parole will give a list of the prisoners and other particulars respecting our Troops. September 12

Return of Officers who have Received nineteen Hundred Dollars and three Pounds Ten Shillings Specie and not Included in the Return made the 12th Sept^r^ 1780

Capt. Henry Gaither 1^t^ Reg^t^ 24^th^ May Lieut W^m^ Woolford 2^d^ Do. 5^th^ Sept. Lieut. W^m^ Adams 7^th^ Lieut Bruff 6^th^ Lieut Moran Do

J. Randall 1^st^ Decem^r^ 1780

Return of Clothing & Stores on hand at Petersburgh 12^th^ Sept^r^ 1780

50 p^s^ Brittaines (for Officers) 500 Regimental Coats 500 Vests 1000 p^r^ Lin. Overalls 400 Shirts 600 Hatts 200 Blankets

10 Hhds Rum 1 Hhd. & 2 Barrels Sugar 50^lt^ Tea 70^lt^ Coffee

J Randall

Return of Officers who have rec^d^ 1900 Dol^s^ & 3..10s Specie Each

Gen^l^ Smallwood
Gen^l^ Gist

1^st^ Regiment

Col° Adams
Cap^t^ Jordon
Cap^n^ Mitchel
L^t^ Sam^l^ Hanson
Ens^n^ Boone
Cap^n^ Rich^d^ Waters
Maj^r^ Winder
Cap^n^ McCallister
Cap^n^ Bruce
Cap^n^ Muse
Cap^n^ McPherson
L^t^ Compton
Ens^n^ Luckett
L^t^ Richmond P. M
Ens^n^ Nelson
Ens^n^ Smoote

2^d^ Regm^t^

L^t^ Edgerly
Cap^t^ Gassaway
Ens^n^ Gassaway
L^t^ Duval
Cap^t^ Williams
Col° Ford
Ens^n^ Boyd
Ens^n^ Sears
Ens^n^ Crawford
Ens^n^ Lowe
Ens^n^ Mason
Ens^n^ Moore
L^t^ Ewing
Doct^r^ Warfield
Doct^r^ Haney
Capt^n^ Davidson
L^t^ Dyer
Cap^n^ Gale
Maj^r^ Steward

Lieu^t^ Woolford
Capt. Price
Capt^n^ Hardman
L^t^ Ford

3^d^ Regm^t^

Ens^n^ McGiven
Lieu^t^ Gassaway
Lieu^t^ Reveley
Ens^n^ Henry Clements
Cap^n^ Marbury
Lieu^t^ Mangers
Ens^n^ Smith
Ens^n^ Dyer
Ens^n^ Halkerston
Lieu^t^ Baldwin
Cap^n^ Smith
Cap^n^ Brooks
Capt^n^ Clagett
Lieu^t^ Farmer

September 12

Lieu[t] Duval
Ens[n] Truman
Cap[n] Armstrong
Cap[n] Wilmott
Maj[r] Anderson
Lieut Price P. M.
Lieut Carr
Lieut Stoddard
Cap[n] Brice

4th Regm[t]

Doct[r] Ross
Cap[n] Riley
Cap[n] Oldham
Cap[n] Selman
Cap[n] Spurrier
Ens[n] Burgess
Lieu[t] Shoemaker
Lieu[t] Smith
Lieu[t] Hartshorn
Lieut. Hanson
Cap[n] Hoops
Lieu[t] Hamilton
Ens[n] Chew
Ens[n] Rutledge
Col[o] Hall
Doct[r] Pindle
L[t] Hamilton P. M
Maj. Dean

5th Regm[t]

Cap[n] Lynch
Lieu[t] Garnett
Cap[n] Hamilton
Cap[n] Benson
Ens[n] Raison
Lieut. Harris
Cap[n] Gibson
Lieu[t] Reed
Lieu[t] Gould
Lieu[t] Hugon
Cap[n] Bird
Ens[n] Pendergast
Col[o] Woolford
Doct[r] Kilty

6th Regm[t]

Maj[r] Hardman
L[t] Geo Jacobs
L[t] I. Jacobs
Cap[n] Smith
Cap[n] Somerville
Col[o] Williams
L[t] Cha[s] Beavens
L[t] Lynn
Cap[n] Truman
Cap[n] Beall
Lieu[t] Donovan
Lieu[t] Norris
Col[o] Howard
Cap[n] Dobson
Doct[r] Smith
Cap[n] Williams
Ens[n] Murdock
Lieu[t] Hamilton

7th Regm[t]

Cap[n] Beatty
Cap[n] Jones
Ens[n] D. Green
Ens[n] Fickle
Ens[n] R. Green
Col[o] Forrest
Cap[n] Lynn
Lieu[t] Skiner
Lieut. Lamar
Cap[n] Morris
Cap[n] Beall
L[t] Watkins
L[t] Donally
Cap[n] Mason
L[t] Hardcastle
Cap[n] Anderson
L[t] Denny
Col[o] Gunby
Doct[r] Denwood
Maj[r] Roxburgh

Artillery

Cap[n] Dorsey
Cap[n] Finlay
Lieut. Wilmott
Lieut. Rickets
Lieut. Wilkerson
Lieut Bargues
Lieut. Rawlings
Lieut. Chevar
Lieut. Skerrett

Staff & P. Officers

Cap[n] Smith (Gist
Cap[n] Gist (D[o]
Cap[n] M. Rudolph (L
Cap[t] I. Rudolph (D[o]
Capt. Handy D[o]
M[r] Jameson A. C. I.
M[r] Edmonston D.W. G.
Doct[r] Armstrong
Doct[r] Mongomery
Ens[n] McCoy F. M.
M[r] King A C I.
Cap[n] Muir (Gists R.

155 Officers each D[l]

1900 & 3..10s Specie Dollars Specie 294500 & £502..10s.

September 12

Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 95

[Richd Dallam, Harford County, to Gov Lee]

Sir Our Farmers do not generally get out their Wheat till winter and I am fearfull they will not be induced this year to get it thrash'd so soon as usial the price not being Proportional to Other

Articles, therefore I have not the Pleasure to promise your Excellency any immediate supply of consequence from hence, but I shall do all in my Power, I have now a Vessel collecting wheat & hope to get her away Aerly next week to Elk with about 1000 Bushels & if I am powerfully supplyd I may Venture to promise as much by Christmas as will make 1000 Barrels of flour 25£ is said to be given for wheat, I have not promised more then 22:10.0 I shall be exceeding glad to hear what is given at other Places as I do not care to depend on common reports it might be of Public advantage if the Commissioner w^ld^ write each other the prices they give to prevent imposition as each of us will think our County is entitled to as much as other. I have purchased 15 head of Cattle & as soon as I get as many more will send them to Elk. Our People do not shew a fondness for paying their Taxes either in Tobacco Wheat or Beef a disposition seems to prevail to put off payment as long as Possible since I advertised to receive wheat for the 15 ꝑ C^t^ Tax neither wheat nor money is paid and as numbers will not till obliged I shall be glad to know if executions can Issue ag^t^ their Classes which have not procured men before recruits are obtained for the Classes

September 12 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 95

Salt is an Article much wanted if your Excellency could send me some or Give me a Credit with any of the Merchants so that I Wuld get What I wantd I should be certain of Obtaining Provisions to the Am^t^ thereof & should chearfully take any trouble necessary for the obtaining it.

The Tobacco your Excellency sent me I have not been able to sell with out delivering it at Baltimore Town clear of the Assessments due on it

I am much concernd at the situation of Our Army I assure your Excellency I have not been wanting in my endeavour to procure provisions in the months past, it has cost me much trouble & expence to Little purpose. I wish Our Purchases could be so orderd that no Commissary nor French Agent w^ld^ be permit'd to enter into contracts before the delivery of the provisions, I believe this w^ld^ prevent Private Persons interfering in the purchase of Grain & be the best way to procure immediate supplys I have sent by M^r^ Smith an order from M^r^ Wheeler in my favor for 391..13.4 hard money, I should be glad to receive a part if Possible, or to be assured when payment may be depend'd on. I am unwilling to mention my wants for old Creditors, knowing Your Excellency must be much concerned for the want of money but should their be any money in the Treasury so that I could get a little by M^r^ Smith it w^ld^ greatly assist me.

Your Excellency will Please to favor me with an answer to this & also respecting some deserters I mentioned in my last.

September 12
Red Book No. 7
Letter No. 73

[Sam Huntington, Philadelphia, to His Excellency the Governor Lee]

Sir Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed two Acts of Congress of the 8 & 11 Instant, by which you will be informed of their Intentions to provide & lay up Magazines of Provisions & Forage for an Army of fifteen thousand Men for six months to the Southward; and that two thirds of the Flour and Beef required from the State of Maryland by the Resolution of the 25 of February last, are to be retained in that State for the above Purpose, and stored at some safe & convenient Places on or near navigable Water.

You will also observe the Measures Congress have adopted & recommended by the Acts enclosed for reinforcing the Southern Army; and that the State of Maryland are earnestly requested to complete & forward to the Southern Army her Quota of regular Troops as formerly ascertained

It is presumed your Excellency must have received a return of the Number lost in the Maryland Line, in the Action near Cambden on the 16. Ulto. I am happy to find from late Accounts, the Loss is not so great as we had reason to fear.

September 12
Brown Book No. 5
Letter No. 21

[Edward Giles, Philadelphia, to His Excellency Governor Lee]

Sir Your Excellency will doubtless ere this have received a Letter from Gen[l] Washington, directing our Regiment to march to the Southward. In consequence of this order, I shall set out the men tomorrow M[g] under Cap[t] Murdoch, & proceed myself immediately to Morris Town to secure & forward on the Cloathing there. This Business appears to me to be of such Importance, that a failure would involve the total Ruin of the Regiment, have therefore been induced rather to attend to it myself, than to depend upon others. The Board of War have advised me to march the men to the Head of Elk, & there retain them, until I can get them cloathed. In this Step I flatter myself I shall have your Excellency's Concurrence. I have an absolute Order for 450 Coats, Jackets & wollen overalls, Shoes, Shirts & Hats, shall obtain Tents in a few Days with every necessary Camp Equipage

Since my Arrival at this City I have lost upwards of fourteen men by Desertion, I shall be obliged to leave upwards of 20 in the Hospitals, with these I shall also leave an Officer. The Desertions were unavoidable Privater's men, paint such golden Prospects, that is not to be wondered that the men have been seduced from their Duty. Whilst I lament the Loss, I have the pleasing Reflection, that the Landing the men was in consequence of an absolute Order from the War Office, & that every precaution in my Power has been used to prevent the Consequences that have flowed from that Order. I hope I shall at least Stear clear of Censure. I have obtained an Proclamation from Governor Reed. I have searched every Vessell

in Port, three of the Men I shall recover, they being on board the Confederacy. September 12

Brown Book No. 5 Letter No. 21

[Jonas Chambers Dated at Head of Elk to His Excellency Governor Sim Lee] September 13

May it Please Your Excellency I Receiv^{d} a Certificate 27th Aug^{t} 1780 signed John Smith Brookes, Commissary of Purchase for Prince Geo^{s} County, for 18 B^{bls} Herring at 130£ p^{r} B^{ble} & on the 28th Day after the Date of said Certificate I produced the same to your Excellency, Either to Receive the contents or to no If it would pay my Publick Assess, Viz. Money & tobacco tax (as for tobacco in this part of Cecil County they Raise none) & also If I Remember Right, Your Excellency informed me it would answer that End in aney part of the s^{d} State, I have since produc'^{d} it to the Collector or Shf of s^{d} County of Cecil, Who has Laid it before the Commissioners & has absolutely Refused taking it in pay for myself & Neighbours, for s^{d} tax, I no not how to pay my taxes which is onley £340 odd £ I went to Potomack Last Spring & cur^{d} 192 B^{ls} of Shadd & Herrings of Which the Publick has had the greatest part, & I cannot command Aney Cash for the same. part of the objection is, Because herrings is not Mentioned in the Act. I Look up to your Excellencys goodness to send me & answer to convince the commissioners in my favour that s^{d} Certificate will answer s^{d} End, as they have Desired me to Wright to you on the occation & would waight for an answer, Which I hope you would be Pleased to favour me by this Post, for Which I shall be for Ever Bound to Pray &c, &c.

I take the freedom to Subscribe myself Your most obedient & H^{ble} Serv^{t}

[L. Master, Baltimore to the Honble —— Leigh, Esqr] September 13

Sir I came here from New Providence with a Flag & 33 Prisoners intending to call at Annap^{s} but being unacquainted & not able to get a Pilote I unfortunately overrun the port a good way, & by good luck met with a man th^{t} untook to carry us to this port it being the unanimous opinion of the Capt^{ns} there on board th^{t} it w^{d} be highly imprudent to attempt to return having had the misfortune to loose my sheet Anchor & Spring my mast w^{ch} I hope y^{r} Honour will think a sufficient plea for my not paying my respects to you.

I came from N Prov^{e} at a very few days notice w^{ch} prevented me cleaning my Vessel as it was thought improper to stay on Acc^{t} of the approaching Equinox so th^{t} I hope your Honour will allow me to go on shore (w^{ch} I am not permitted to do) while she is cleaning & to get a Mast & do whatever is necessary for the preservation of myself & property & y^{r} Honour will greatly oblige

September 13 I flatter'd myself wth expecta^{tn} of being permitted to go for a few days to my plantation; if I cd be allowed the Liberty I sh^{d} consider it as a great obligat^{n} tho' I w^{d} not be understood to desire any thing th^{t} w^{d} be improper

September 13 [John Steward Balt. to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee]

Sir I do myself the Honor to inclose you a letter which M^{r} Leigh Masters who arrived here yesterday in a Flag of Truce from New Providence of which he had the Command. I beg leave to observe that it is contrary to practice of the Enemy to suffer our Flags of Truce to refit in any Port in their possession; as there was no older officer in this Place I have accommodated my Conduct to their customs, in respect to M^{r} Masters, who has a number of Acquaintances in this place of no very amiable discription I have therefore ordered him to remain on board his Vessel and have prohibited his communicating with any Person except through the mediation of the commissary of Prisoners. M^{r} Hughs has no British Prisoners here and thinks that it would be advisable if Y^{r} Excell^{y} approves of it; to give him with his Vessel a Pass Port to Virginia where he may obtain a number of Prisoners sufficient to Exchange those which he brought:

Unless he obtains this pass Port and Prisoners he cannot without the miraculous intervention of Providence Regain his Port as he has with a force peculiar to himself brought but one man with him to navigate a large Burmudian Sloop

September 15 [Jas Calhoun, Baltimore to His Excellency Govr. Lee]

Sir I am very sorry to find my success in purchasing has by no means equal'd my expectation scare any wheat or flour has come from the Country this week owing I believe to the busy season it being the heighth of seed time, nor has any wheat come by water I imagine it generally goes towards Elk & Bohemia where the price is higher than with us the last that came here was bought up by M^{r} Hollingsworth & sent to Elk & several of the Millers from Cecil have been down here to purchase Wheat the price of flour at Philad^{a} is £100 to £112:10 p^{r} C^{t}

M^{r} Mathews had secured what flour was in Town or in the Mills contiguous before I had it in my power to buy any, his purchases must amount to 5 or 600 Barrels at least part of which is gone on to Elk.

The Country back of this abounds in grain and I am perswaded could we wait until it came regularly to Market & was enabled to pay the cash it might be got on good terms but am fearful to make our present great necessities known or ride about to the Millers & farmers in the Country will be a certain way to raise the price & not

answer the purpose of an immediate supply this is my own opinion which I take the liberty of giving freely but at the same time will chearfully obey your directions on this head, I doubt there will be but little provision paid on the Tobacco Tax in this county September 15

I cannot yet say how the new Money will go down with the people but have my doubts especially on its first tryal the Collectors in this County have not yet done any thing except in Town which may be one reason why no wheat is now coming to Market

P. S. Mr Donnellan is intirely out of Meat to Issue at this Port & has called on me for a supply which suppose I must provide for him He has an acco^{t} paid for coopering & labour & a rising on flour he rec^{d} & shipp'd away lately which he is desirous I should pay & believe he cannot well afford to lay out of the money please give me direction concerning both these matters.

[Fran's Marrion Whitemarsh Bladen County to Gov. Lee] September 15

Sir On the 3^{d} Ins^{t} I had Advice that upwards of two hundred Torys Intended to Attack me the next day, I immediately marched with 53 Men, which is all I cou'd get, on the 4th in the morning I surprised A party of 45 men, which I mistook for the main body; I killed and wounded all but 15, which Escaped, I then marched immediately to Attack the main body, which I met about 3 miles in full march towards me, I Directly attack'd them, And put them to flight (though they had 200 men) And got into an Impassible Swamp to all but Torys, I had one man wounded in the first action And then in the second, and two Horses killed; finding it impossible to come at them, I returned to Camp. the next day I was informed they all Disperst. on the fifth I was Joined by about 60 men; I then throughed up a small redoubt, to secure my camp from being surprised by the Torys, should they again collect. Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 4

On the 7th I crossed P. D. and Lynches Creek with one hundred men 50 to secure my Camp and the river; to attack a party of regulars And militia, said to be 150, which was in Williamsbourg township, a Burning all the Houses of their men who had Joined me; when I had got to indian Town, Capt James who I had sent to reconiter the Enemy, meet me; he had taken a Prisoner belonging to Col^{o} Ferguson riffle reg^{t} by whom, I learnt that they was 200 British, and a number of Torys, & that Major Whims with 200 men, was to Join them that night, they was seen after dark on their march, and by an Orderly book taken with an officers baggage, with the Above Prisoner, I found their Intention was to remove me, and to proceed to the Chasases; I also had Intelligence that 200 men, part regulars, had arrived in George Town from Lanter; which, Obliged me to return to my camp, which I did that day, the 8th I had Intelligence, that they Major Whimes had crossed Linches

September 15 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 4

Creek come on my front, & those in George Town had crossed black river and Wharry, to follow my rear; the Torys which I had lately Disperst was collecting on my right, which, would have compleatly surrounded me and cut off my retreat; which Obliged me, to Retreat to this place, with 60 men, the rest Left me to see after their family; which had their Houses burnt; they have burnt a number of Houses on black river, Linches Creek and Wanaman, I shall remain here until I here from you; or I have an Opportunity of doing something.

September 15 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 190

[Ben Stoddert Secry War Office to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esqr.]

Sir The inclosed certificate was sent to the board, by Gen^{l} Gates, in order that commission as L^{t} Col. Commandant, might issue to L^{t} Col Ford. But the sole power of making promotions of Regimental Officers being in the State to which the officer intitled to a vacancy belongs, the board have the honor to transmit the certificate to your Excellency & If the hon^{ble} Council are pleased to signify their approbation of the promotion, the commission will issue immediately.

The board have rec^{d} no official information of the resignation of Col Price but suppose it was made to the State, if it has been made at all.

September 15

[Donaldson Yeates, Head of Elk to the Council]

Gent^{n} I was Honoured with yours of the 6th Ins^{t} in answer to my application, for your Approbation to my Appointment in the Staff department for this State, wherein you acquaint me your determination should be forwarded to me in a few days, permit me to say to you there is pressing requests to me to forward all supplys for the Army, and till your pleasure is known as to my appointm^{t} I can't fix the necessary men wanted to assist in the executeing the business I wish only to stand in such situation as is consistant with your pleasure and the true interest of this State and shall be only happy in finding my endeavours to serve the Public equally Sattisfactory in its opperation finding the Concurrence of your Honourable Board will make me happy

September 16

[N. Holland, Worcester County to Gov. Lee.]

Sir Understanding that some Discontented & Disaffected persons Intends to prosecute Col^{o} W^{m} Selby of Virginia for hanging one of the most attrocious negro Villians that I Ever heard of, he has been sold Over the Bay in Virginia for his crimes & has Kill^{d} his overseer as I understand & had made his Escape from Justice there into this neighbourhood & has Caused several Slaves to Leave their masters & Join him in his thefts and Insolence &c.

Before he was sold over the Bay I knew him & many of his Crimes, he would Lab[r] for no person neither would he stay any where but where he thought fitt & has often Engaged & Endeavoured to murder white men in opposing him or Trying to Take him up; no place of Confinement would hold him in fact he Exceeded any human being I have heard of as a Villian; I have as well as many others threatened to shoot him but have not had an opportunity; in short no person or property was safe where he had a Design he has Corrupted many other Slaves & I Believe he has been Enouraged to Distress the whigs by the Torys; I therefore hope when your Excellency & Hon[ble] Council sees & Considers the Depositions & Circumstances attending this matter that you will prevent any Cost or Damage to Col[o] Selby on acc[t] of his pursuing Negro Argil from Virginia into this County Taking him & Executing him here; Col[o] Selby has Ever manifested his attachment to our Cause and Government & has acted with Great Zeal & Vigour & Done more Service in quelling the Torys in Somerset & Worcester Countys than any other officer which Service Doth Cause the Disaffected now to seek Revenge of him & I am convinced if any proceedings were Executed by Our State against Col[o] Selby for hanging such a negro Villian that it would be productive of Confusion & Bloodshed Between this County & Accomack September 16

The Deposition of M[r] William Bell of accomack County Virginia who being by me Duly Sworn Deposeth and saith that some time in August Last this Deponent met Negro Argil in the Road who has since been Hanged by Col William Selby of Virginia, & this Deponent qestion[d] the said negro about Resisting M[r] Daniel Robins at which Time he told this Deponent that he would not be Taken or molested by any person but if they would Let him alone he would not concern with any one & further saith not

Taken before me the Subscriber one of the Iustices of the peace for Worcester County this 4[th] Day of Sept[r] 1780 N. Holland

The Deposition of M[r] Daniel Robins of Worcester County w[ch] being by me Duly sworn Deposeth and saith that some time in July or August Last this Deponent saw Negro Argil who has been hanged since by Col[o] William Selby of Virginia which negro was near the Roadside Talking with another negro and this Deponent then question[d] him if his name was not argil which name he Deny[d] & said he was a free man this Deponent then order[d] him to the House then nigh & made an attempt to strike him with a Cane on his Refusing to go with him & the said Negro got a fence stake & swore that if he Touched him that he would kill this Deponent & this Deponent Recollecting that he had heard that the said negro Had kill[d] his overseer on the western shore he Declin[d] Taking him up; Just after the above happen[d] Same M[r] Abraham Sturgis Riding up & this Deponent told the said Sturgis that the said Argil was

September 16 Runaway from his master over the Bay and that he had Stuck a Knife in his overseer & Kill[d] him the said Argil then Reply[d] that he Did not know whether the overseer was Dead or not, after which this Deponent with the said Sturgis made another Attempt to take up the said negro & he got a Club & Drew his Knife & swore that if they touch[d] him he would Kill them and then made off & this Deponent did not think prudent to pursue such a notorious Villian & this Deponent further saith that he heard afterwards that the said Negro threatned to Kill him; taken Before me the Subscriber [one] of the Justices of the peace for Worcester County this 4th Day of Sept[r] 1780 N. Holland

The Deposition of Abraham Sturgis of Worcester County who being by me Duly sworn Deposeth and saith that some time in the Last July or first of August Last this Deponent was Riding the Road & Came to where M[r] Daniel Robins was Talking to negro Argil since Hanged by Col[o] William Selby of Virginia at which time the said Robins told this Deponent that the negro he was then talking to was formerly Drummonds Argil and that he had Kill[d] his overseer over the Bay & Desir[d] this Deponent to assist him in Taking of him at which Time they Both moved towards the said Negro and order[d] him to Stand & he swore he would not be Taken by them nor any other person alive & then got a Club & Drew his Knife & made of from them after this Deponent went Towards a house for a gun & swore he would shoot him; but afterwards pursued the notorious Villian no farther & further saith not

Taken before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for Worcester County this 4th Day of Sept[t] 1780 N. Holland

Accomack S. S. At the request of Col. William Selby of the County afs[d] I hereby certify that I purchased a negro named Argol some years past, that I kept the said negro about two years or thereabouts during which time he behaved himself very ill, by commiting several theifts, and other misdemeanors: particularly he attempted to murder a negro boy from whom he had stolen some money, and for no other provocation than because the boy accused him of the fact; which the said Argol afterward confessed he was guilty of, and for which reason particularly I sold him. Sometime after I sold him he ran from his master and came back again to me, and in a most humble manner solicited me to buy him again, and informed me his master's name was Tho[s] Brandrige, I made him rather believe I would purchase him, and wrote two letters directing them to the afs[d] name; but I never rec[d] any answer, and afterwards understanding that he had told others of a different name I supposed he had decieved me after his return he stayed with me about five or six months during which time he broke my dwelling house, and stole a quantity of Shoes, this caused him to depart, and

he afterwards continued lurking about, and was supposed to be the cause of many negroes leaving their masters, and commiting many villanies. Geo. Corbin September 16

The above was sworn to before me the subscriber according to law
C. Bagwell

[T. Donnellan, Asst Cy of Ps., Baltimore, to Gov Lee] September 16

Sir This is to inform your Excellency that there is no Meat in the Continental Provision Stores at this Post, and only a few Barrels of Fish. I have applyed to M^r^ Buchanan who has hitherto supplyd me as Assistant Commissary of Purchases but he says he cannot let me have any, Have therefore to request that your Excellency will give orders respecting the matter or the Troops that pass through must suffer. Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 96

[David Poe, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee] September 16

[Hopes new State Mony is ready so that he may be paid]

[Will Deakins Junr George Town to Gov Lee] September 17

Sir Yours of the 22^d^ Ul^t^ Inclosing an Extract from the Subscription made by the General Assembly came Safe to hand; Since which I have applyed to Mess^rs^ Cramphin & Bayly the former has paid his Subscription to M^r^ Thomas Johns, and the latter has or will Settle his with M^r^ Thomas Richardson; M^r^ Samuel Thomas lives in the neighbourhood of M^r^ Burgess and will no doubt call on him for payment. I with pain Observe the pressing Call for Cash in the Treasury and am sorry to say I have little or no hopes of procuring either Tob^o^ or Cash on Loan altho I have applyed to Many who I thought had it in their power to Contribute, I will still Continue my Endeavours, and If possible procure some Assistance when you may Expect to hear from me. Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 97

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee in Council] September 17

Gentlemen I have been so difficulted in managing the Horses sent me by the Commissionrs of the several Counties, that I really wished your advice and directions tho have not had leisure to apply for either. the difference of Opinion, in the Officers of the United States, who are to receive the Horses from me, and the County Commissioners, who purchase (and receive them of the Nonjurers) are so great, that it is hard for me to act, as a (go between) between them, on the one side, the United States Officer think the horses and waggons ought to be entirely Compleat without spot or blemish, each Horse five years old, and the waggons new (on the other) The County Commissioners appear to have received horses without

September 17 making the least Discrimination as to their age, Size, state of flesh or eye sight, Of a hundred sent to Philadelphia I saw Eighty odd sent out, to Pasture (on friday last to the Meadows near the City) and of above a hundred I have here, I fear there wont be twenty received, tho I have rejected above forty, and sent them back, what I am to do, with the remainder, am really at a loss for, which your Excellency & Honors will please to direct me in.

Inclosed is a copy of a letter, I have sent to some of the County Commissioners, by which you will see my opinion as fully as I can give it. Please to advise me as soon as Possible, whither I am to Vendue the Horses or what, as they have eaten all the Forage at the Post.

I have been at Philad[a] and am inform'd that the charges against me are gone forward, to Your Excellency & Honors and I shou'd have attended immediately had not I been acquainted by the Treasury Board, that they expected my attendance on them, The first day of October, which I agreed to comply with, therefore entreat that your Excellency and Honors, may not call on me in that week, any time after shall attend with the greatest chearfulness.

September 17 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to the Commissioners of the Several Counties]

Dear Sir Your favor I rec[d] by M[r] ———— and am sorry to inform you that I cannot receive the Horses, they being unfit for use. the Horses wanted for the Army are those of the first quality they must be young and stout, or they will not be received. If they should they will only deceive us, as our men have done, fifty of the New Regim[t] are now in the Hospital and a number have Deserted. I am very unhappy in being obliged to return the Horses and more so to reflect on the Partiality of the Leuts and Commissioners to their respective Counties, to the Prejudice of this State and the United States, is it Possible to suppose, that such men and such Horses will be either able or willing to fight our battles (I answer it is not) and they are deceiving themselves and the United States that offer such Imposture. I am unhappy thus to Expostulate, but if these horses were bought, the man who bought them ought to have them thrown on his hands, if they are taken of the Nonjurers, they ought to be return'd and better horses taken or the Tax Continued. for 'tho I have the fullest sence of the hardships, those Gentleman lay under, and sincerely wish to see them relieved, yet am Confident it was not the intent of the Legislature, to relieve them, by taking off their hands a part of their worn out, and useless Stock, at a time they can only be consumers of Oats and Hay, to the States for the remaining part of the Campaign, and of little or no use afterwards.

Return of Provisions & Stores belonging to the State of Maryland Received by T. Donnellan at Baltimore

Dates 1780	From Whom Received	Flour Barrels	Ship Stuff Barrels	Indian Corn		Rye	
				Casks	Bushels in Bulk	Casks	Bushels in Bulk
Sept. 7th	Remain'd on hand p my Return	442	12	34&	219½	1&	28¾
to 18th	Edward Gather, Commissioners	63					
	Thª Beatty, Commissioners	79					
	Henry Shryock, Commissioners	30					
	Richd Dalham, Commissioners	28					
	Totals	642	12	34&	219½	1&	28¾

Return of Provisions & Stores belonging to the State of Maryland Forwarded by T. Donnellan since 7th Sept. 1780

	To whom forwarded	
Sept. 8th	Thomas Ramsey Assᵗ Comᵗʳ of Issues Head of Elk	89
" 11th	Ditto Dº	196
	Totals	285

Return of Provisions & Stores belonging to the State of Maryland Remaining with T. Donnellan at Baltimore

Sept 18	Total Amounts remaining on hand this day 357	12	34&	219½	1&	28¾

Note 1, 172 Barrels of the above remaining Flour is under Condemnation by the Inspector, the rest not yet Inspected
2, 23 Barrels of Flour & Nine Casks of Corn, brought in since the above was made out
3, The Casks of Corn are about the size of Flour Barrels & Contain about 4 Bushels each

L. Donnellan

September 18
Red Book No. 26
Letter No. 44

Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 43

[Thos Donellan Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.]

S^r^ In Complyance to Col. Stones Letter of the 16^th^ Instant have Stopt forwarding any Provisions.

September 18

[John Steward to Gov Lee]

Sir I do myself the Honor to Inclose you Certificate, Register, and list of Prisoners of the Sloop Experiment, the Flag of Truce of which I advised you

M^r^ Legh Master the Master of the Flag will deliver this.

The Commissary of Prisoners at this having pass'd a Receipt to M^r^ Masters for the Prisoners he brought here they have departed to their several States I orderd the Prisoners three Days Provision each to accomodate as many of them as did not chuse to enter into service in this Port And have sent M^r^ Masters to you for Farther Orders The Gov^r^ of Providence who sent him request that the Flag may not be delay'd this request is only Customary

September 18

[Don'l Yeates, Elk, to the Council]

Gent^n^ I take the liberty to inform you the troops of the late raised regiment of this State has been at this place on their return from Phil^d^ some days waiting the Arrival of their Cloathing when this happen which is expected in a few days they will want craft to transport them to Annapolis this circumstance I think necessary to Advise you of as its probable it may be convenient and your pleasure to order craft up I believe there will be Virginia Craft enough returning to be had on being pressed, not otherwise as most Classes of People are disgusted at Public service and will not enter voluntarily unless convinced they will receive pay at the end of their Service and this Post is not yet, supply'd with money

P. S. number of troops here about 250

September 19

[Edw'd Giles, Pha., to Gov. Lee]

Sir I have the Satisfaction to inform your Excellency that I have procured most of the Cloathing, the Troops stand in need of. My order from the Board of War, was for 450 Coats, 450 Vests, 450 Wollen overalls, 450 Hats, 450 p^r^ shoes and 450 Shirts. The Coats I have obtained at Sukkysunny [Succasunna] 20 miles beyond Morris Town. they are of the best Quality; most of them Brown & red, lined thro with twilled Wollen. Overalls not being attainable, I drew in their stead Leather Breeches & Stockings both of an excellent Quality. Vests I expected to have procured at Trenton, but to my great mortification they were all forwarded to Camp & issued out. some indeed there were at Newberg, about 100 miles beyond Morris Town, but I conceived the Distance joined with the Roughness of

the Road, would render it impossible to transport them from that Place in any reasonable Time. indeed it was with the greatest difficulty I could procure Waggons to bring the others from Sukky scenny, the Quarter Masters having nothing nor Teems, nor Credit. The Cloathing obtained at Sukkysunny I saw packed up & ready to put into the Waggons, which were on their way to receive them under the Direction of Cap[t] Lieu[t] Shephard. The remaining part of the Cloathing, I am to get here, I am determined not to stir till I effect it. Promises I can get by Wholesale, but if satisfied with them that would be all. No Tents can possibly be procured, the Idea of the Hardships our poor Soldiers must encounter in a Southern Climate, if unsheltered must excruceate the Bosom of Humanity September 19

Sensible I am that your Excellency & the honourable Council will use your utmost Exertions to prevent the Calamity It is the Business of your Soldiers to bear every Distress without repining when your Service & the Interest of their Country demands it, but their Feelings will impel them to look up to you, as the kind Smothier of the rugged Paths of military Life.

I obtained prier to my Journey after Cloathing an order for all kinds of Camp Equipage I received all except Canteens. these I might have got, but must have taken them without straps, a state in which they would only have been a Burthen to the Soldiers. nor can I now get them strapped. the Q Master pleads as an Excuse that he has no money, was it in my Power I should have obviated this Difficulty, but I have already exhausted my little Purse in equipping them

The Board of War have directed me to request that Your Excellency & the ho[r] Council, would endeavour to compleat the Equipment of the Troops, by furnishing them with Vests & Tents. I painted in as strong Colors as I was master of our not obtaining them should we march from P[a] without them, but to no Purpose

Should I have used any reprehensible Expressions Your Excellency's will please o impute it to my anxiety for the poor soldiers.

[Chris'r Richmond Secry to Gen'l Gates Hillsborough to His Excelly Govr. Lee] September 19 Brown Book No. 5 Letter No. 80

Sir Colonel Adams having delivered into the Hands of M[r] Joseph Clay Dep[y] Paymaster General of the Southern Department Ten Thousand six Hundred and Fifty Dollars, for which, Col Adams has a Certificate under the Hands of said M[r] Clay and as the Colonel could not be supplied here with any other Money than, that emitted in this State, which would by no Means answer his Purpose in Maryland. General Gates has directed me to request your Excellency will take up the said Certificate, and charge the Amount as so much supplied by your State, for the use of the Southern Department

September 20
Red Book No. 7
Letter No. 75

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excellency the Governor Lee]

Sir By the Act of Congress of this Day herewith enclosed you will be informed of the Measures they have adopted for the removing of the Convention Troops to Fort Frederick in Maryland, in Case it shall be found necessary, and providing Magazines to supply them if removed.

Congress have thought proper to take this Precaution to prevent any Embarrassment or Surprize, though it is to be hoped there may be no Occasion to remove them; but should Circumstances render their Removal necessary, the Governor of Virginia to whom I have transmitted a Duplicate of this Act will give your Excellency seasonable Information thereof.

You will also be informed by the Act enclosed that Congress will use every Exertion to supply Tents & Arms for the use of the Militia of Maryland & Virginia, at the same Time recommending to those States in the strongest Manner to leave no Steps untried which may have a Tendency to furnish those necessary Articles.

September 20
Red Book No. 26
Letter No. 94

[Richd Dallam, Harford County, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I expected the People w[ld] generally pay the Tobacco Tax in wheat if made acquainted with the wants of the Army & esspetially as the Law obliged them to pay Cash after the first Oct[r] which they complain is very scarce. I have taken some trouble to Prevail on the People to deliver me the wheat but find the Sheriff has given out that he will pay the Tax in Tobacco and receive wheat some time hence this being a Busy season with the farmers they readily except the indulgence by which means I shall get little wheat, The Sherif I understand has bought a considerable Quantity of Tobacco & boast that he shall make 30000£ As I looke on his scheem as a prejudice to the public by which they will loose one half the Tax & preventd from geting the supply of Provisions wanting in Time I have thought it my duty to give your Excellency the information. I have mentiond it to the Commissioners they know not how to prevent it.

Our Clark refuses taking the new money for Ordinary Licences therefore I have no hope of passing one Shilling. The Taxes & duties I expected w[ld] give the money some Credit.

I am exceedingly concerned for the frequent Trouble I am obliged to give your Excellency but as it proceeds from an Opinion of its being my duty I hope to be excused. Situated as I am Its out of my Power to give reason to expect such a supply as I wish of Provisions from this County.

[Rich'd Barnes, Leo[d] Town, to Gov. Lee] September 20

D[r] Sir We have in this County for a considerable time past been alarmed by Vessels of the Enemy composed of some Boats and small Sloops. Maj[r] Ign[s] Taylor House on Wiccocomaco they the other day plundered of all they could take away with them the ballance they wantonly distroyed. They have likewise plundered M[r] Rob[t] Armstrongs House at Point Lookout, & have taken many negroes together with stock from different parts of the County. In short they are a pack of the most abandoned Fellows that ever hath molested us. They are now in Potomack, and its more than probable will do considerable dammage before they leave us. Their force from the best information I can collect is but trifeling, and in my opinion reflects disgrace on this State, to let them pass unmolested I have been informed they have done considerable damage to many Gentlemen on the Virginia side of Potawmack. We are in this County the most exposed to them of any Co[ty] in the State without its being in our power to protect ourselves for the want of arms. not more than fifty of these Guns the property of the State sent here will make a tolerable shift. I have so frequently given my opinion of them that I should not now mention them if the People of the County did not urge me to it by their complaints. If those that were here unfit for service were properly sold to the People of the County they I am Satisfied would do their endeavours to get them repared, which would be making them contribute to the defence of the State. Most of the People that had guns on the commencement of the war have sold them to trading Vessels, the impropriety of which they are now fully convinced of.

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee, Esq[r], in Council] September 20

Gentlemen I am very sorry to trouble you in the midst of that throng which I know yourself and the Honourable Council must be in nor would I do it at present was it possible to go on with your business without your Aide and direction, on Sunday by post informed you of the quantity of Horses I had on hand and not likely to be released from them as I am forbiden to send any more forward to Philadelphia, or Camp. Colo Yeats now D. Q. M. G[l] at this Post refuses to take any but such as are pick'd out, what is to be done with the remainder is Submitted to your direction. the Bakers that I have imployed to Bake the State Stuff and Flour are about to leave me, which I am pleased with as they dont quite answer, should have discharg'd them some time ago and imployed better, but had not money to pay them off, nor have any to do one matter or thing, am obliged to borrow on my own private account for this two Months past to keep the Express going, am now call'd on to make payment and can't do it, must therefore intreat that a Sum be sent

September 20 by Jiles of not less than Ten thousand pounds, as tis not possible for me to keep the State business alive without it, there remains a considerable Balance due to the Millers, Coopers, and others for Hauling and Manufacturing the Wheat finding Casks &c[a] which must be paid or our Credit will be lost, and tis impossible to do business without Credit, must therefore intreat that my hands be Strengthened (by Jiles) shall do myself the Honour of waiting on your Excellency and Honours as soon as I return from Philadelphia. with the whole accounts ags[t] the State to this date

September 21 [Jno. Sterrett Baltimore to Gov. Lee]

Sir I this Day receiv'd yours of the 19[th] It gives me pleasure to find that there is now a probability of expelling the Enemy from our Bay where they have for some time materially injured our Trade. I wou'd most chearfully doe every thing in my Power that might be conducive thereto. The Barge in which Anderson was taken by Cap[t] Folger I intended to have sold as is Customary to ascertain the sum to be paid to the Crew But as this might occasion some detention you'll please fit her out when and as you may think proper. If she shou'd be taken by the Enemy, Lost or materially injured when in Your Service I shall expect to receive Payment agreeable to the present Value to be ascertain'd by proper Judges which you'll please to appoint.

There will not I believe be any Compensation requir'd for the time the Barge may be employ'd, I am principal Owner of the Vessell that Captur'd her and I want none.

September 21 [Ben Stoddert, Secry, War Office, to Gov. Lee]

Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 201 Sir The Board do themselves the Honor to communicate to Your Excellency the inclosed Resolution of Congress directing them to take such measures for the march of the new raised Regiment of your State, and by such Route, as they may judge most expedient for the publick Service

This Resolution is founded upon a letter from Gen[l] Green containing Intelligence he received from New York "that the Enemy had it in Contemplation to invade Virginia, and attempt the Rescue of the Convention Prisoners" However improbable this Story may be, the Board think it best, as it will make but a few days difference in the march of the Troops, that the Route of the Regiment should be by Alexandria to Orange Court House and from thence by Charlotteville to Hillsborough, as this Route will best serve to cover the March of the Convention Troops, in Case of their Removal, and they have therefore directed the Commanding officer of the Regiment to proceed by that direction, as your Excellency will see by the inclosed Instructions

[Rob Armstrong, St Mary's County, to Gov Lee] September 21 Red Book No. 27 Letter No. 19

Sir Your Publick letter of August last came safe to hand Agreeable to your directions therein, I have done all in my Power to procure for the Publick either Money or Tobacco, from the Inhabitants of this Neighbourhood, but find my Solicitation to be of no Effect; the people Generally complain, that they will be compelled to sell part of their Property, to pay of their Taxes and of Course have nothing to Lend. The damage done me the 23rd of August and the 16th Instant by the Enemy has wholy disabled me from rendering my Country any Service in that way. I have received of Capt John Mackall one crop note and agreeable to the acct for procuring a Loan have forwarded it to the Treasurer of the Western Shore.

[Ben Stoddert, Secry, War Office, to the officer Commanding the new raised Regt of Maryland, Annapolis] September 21 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 200

Sir The board think proper to direct That you proceed from Annapolis as soon as circumstances will permit, on your March to Join the Southern Army by way of Alexandria to orange Court House & from thence by Charlotteville to Hillsborough.

Alexandria being but two or three days march from Annapolis. Your men can take Provisions enough with them to last them thither, should there be no Issuing Post between.

You will write to Col James Wood Commanding at Charlotteville, informing him when you expect to leave Annapolis. & on your March give him information of your movements by every private opportunity, it will not be necessary that you send Expresses.

If on your route to Charlotteville you should receive orders from Col. Wood to halt, or hasten your March you will obey them, & from thence forward put yourself entirely under his Command, but if Col Wood should not find it necessary to alter your destination, you will proceed as already directed.

[Cha's. Blake, Corsica, to Gov. Lee.] September 21

Sir I receiv'd yrs. of the 13th by Colo Feddeman and £200, you there desire me to send for Cash when wanting, what I have as yett receiv'd has been so trifling that it was in hand but a few hours. I hope by the first opportunity to receive a sum that will enable me to do something. Many Gentn here do all in their power to establish the creditt of the money by taking it in preference to the other, and I hope the lower Class will be influenc'd by their example. I believe a very considerable sum may now be passed here by giving part Continental which I shall be able to do by receiving the 15 p Ct from Mr Hemsley. In yr letter of the 4th you mention that wheat must be had on the best terms, but wish it may not exceed one and

September 21 a half dol: you may rest assur'd that I shall procure it on the best terms, and hope I shall be able to gett it at that price, which is as much as has been offer'd here yett by any one. you also mention the propriety of keeping those directions secret, I will know that if they were known, I should gett no more at that price I hope you will now put it in my Power to give a Satisfactory answer to the question daily asked me, are you yett in Cash? and I hope I shall be able to make a very Satisfactory return. a great deal of wheat has been offer'd which still remains on hand for want of Cash

September 22
Red Book No. 5
Letter No. 96

[Daniel of St. Thos Jenifer, John Hanson, John Henry Philadelphia to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr.]

Gent. This will be handed to you by Col° Blane who will lay before your Excellency and Honors, A Resolve of Congress, recommending to the State of Maryland to furnish five hundred head of Cattle, for the immediate use of the Army. The great distress the Army have for sometime past been under, and which still Continues for want of meat, have induced us to approve of that resolution, and beg leave to recommend it to your Excell^cy and Honors, as a measure absolutely necessary to be Complyed with; and hope you will give Col. Blane every Assistance in your power in procuring them if by Complying with the above resolution a Deficiency in the Quota of Meat heretofore required by Congress of the State of Maryland, should be Occasioned, we think the State will stand Justly excused.

September 22

[Jas Calhoun Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esqr.]

Gentlemen I was favoured with yours of the 16^th & have agreed with a Butcher to supply what Meat M^r Donnellan will have occasion for at this Post for the present, at 4 Dollars p^r ℔ which is less than Salt meat would cost, several persons have offered to contract with me for a quantity of Beef but none will agree to take less than four Dollars ꝑ ℔.

There has very little flour come to Market since I wrote you last except what was previously engaged by M^r Mathews & M^r Will^m Smith from the neighbouring Millers. M^r Mathews tells me you have permitted him to purchase any quantity the Bank at Philadelphia may want & he has given as high as £ 70 ꝑ C^t for some I must give as much or cannot expect to purchase any, a good deal has been promised me as soon as the Farmers have done seeding but almost every one that has anything to sell object to being paid in the new money. Many of the Merch^ts agree that it ought to pass and seem willing to take it others declare they will not. I could wish to have the opinion of the Town in general concerning it but am afraid to risque a meeting on the Subject M^r Poe has pass'd some

in payment of debts he had contracted but I have not yet been able to pass any. September 22

I have sold all the Tobacco Notes @ £50 ℔ C^{t} & could dispose of any quantity you could send me before the Month expires to pay the assessm^{t}, after which time I am afraid they will not sell so well as most people think (& believe justly) that the Tobacco that will be paid into the Treasury will be the very worst in the State

P. S. I can get a very considerable quantity of Ship Bread to purchase if wanted.

[Henry Jackson, Somerset Co^{ty} to Gov. Lee] September 22

Sir I send this to Talbot Court House where I expect it will meet with a ready conveyance to Annapolis to acknowledge the Rec^{t} of your Excellency's sundry Letters of the 21, 22 & 28 of Aug. since w'ch I expected by some opp^{ty} to receive a supply of the new money, in my opinion it will always greatly aid the Purchase to have some Cash in hand to distribute among those whose wants are most pressing & as I am apprehensive the Holders of the articles I am authorized to Purchase Particularly Cattle will not for the new money Part with more than will discharge the Public Demand on them at Present, it wou'd tend to the Public advantage for me to have a Sum of the Present Circulating money to give to such as made it a matter of choice, as well as to such whose necessitys require it. I cant with Precision say what quantity of cattle I shall be able to Procure but expect from 50 to 100 Head, I cou'd wish if it is approved of to have Cash in the Present circulating money for half the Value by orders on the Lieutenant or Collectors of the Tax in the County & to be supplyed with some of the new money as soon as Possible.

I have now 2744$^{\text{lb}}$ Bacon & 19 Barr^{s} Pork w^{ch} I expect to forward this week to Annapolis, if our Streights are clear of the Enemy, but that has not been the case lately. it woud be attended with a very heavy expence to Transport it to Cambridge by Land Carriage, but that must be Submitted to if it cant be sent from hence by water with Safety.

I have not received a Single Shilling of Money nor a Pound of Tobacco on Loan to the State & I believe all the other Gentlemen appointed are in the same Predicament

The people of this County will derive no advantage from the payment of wheat to the Lieutenants for the 15 ℔ C^{t} in General very little wheat is made in this county, this year less than ever & little or none for Sale

The Commissioners of the Tax proceeded to the Appointment of Inspectors on the 10th Aug^{t} w^{ch} was delivered to the Sheriff a few days after to forward to your Excellency the Inspectors warrants are not yet come down, I am afraid we shall not have an opp^{ty} af-

September 22 forded us for want of Inspectors being timely qualified to pay the Tobacco Tax

September 23 [Benj. Nicholson to Gov. Lee]

I wrote your Ex^cy^ some time ago p^r^ M^r^ Chase for Coms^ns^ to fill up the Vacancies in the Balt Town Bat^n^ to w^ch^ I have rec^d^ no answer. The Bat^ln^ consists of about fifteen Hundred men & for want of Officers in the New formed Companies they are totally Inactive. If your Ex^cy^ means to Coms^n^ the Gent^n^ recom^d^ I could wish the Coms^ns^ were sent as soon as conv^t^ If not your Ex^cy^ may provide an Officer as L^t^ Coll as I mean not to Act unless I have a prospect of serv^s^ my Country w^th^ reputation

September 23 [Wm. Webb Haddaway, Talbot County to Gov. Lee]

Sir Wee this Day ariv'd from our cruize Without the Dolphin our Expedition has not been very successful as I Expected: had we been Down about 3 or 4 Days sooner we might have Retaken a number of prises Captured by the Enemy with their barges Who Lay in the Sound. I Dispatch my brother Down a few Days before we sail'd as a Spy to get all the inteligence he posable Could. Which we took up as we went Down on their Return back We proseaded Down as fast as posable wheare we fell in with the schooner sent up by Capt Chambers whom we Convoie'd up to Sharps Isle. from thence Stood to St. Jeromes wheare we took in a fresh Suply of New hands: to prosead Down after some prises sent Down the Day before. our intent was to get belowe them by the next Day on thursday night about twelve oClock we fell in with three Saile who ameadeatly movd Saile and stood for us our Consort being a Considerable Distance to Lee and was obliged to heave about and fier'd a gun to alarm them We stood up to Wiecomoco and brought too tel the next morning then put out to Look for them. Which We have never seen since we thought it most Expedient to Come up as fast as posable: I find there is a Vast Number Disafected people on both sides of the bay which Capt^n^ Peary Can Relate to you our method to find them out Which I hope your Excelency and Council will favor some way to brake them up they plunderd sevr^l^ houses on portomack a few Days ago. Sir I am Readey to Serve on aney emergencey in persute of those Vilens

W^m^ Webb Haddaway

September 23 [J. Randall, Petersburgh to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esqr]

Sir The inability of this state to furnish the Waggons wanted, and the pressing orders from General Smallwood to send to Camp the Clothing and Stores I have on hand, Obliges me to repeat my requisition of the 12^th^ Instant for four or five Waggons to be furnish'd from our State for that purpose, my duty as well as anxious

desire to serve Troops induces me warmly to recommend a compliance as soon as Possible, Likewise a Supply of Tea, Coffee and Soap or a Sum of Money to purchase those Articles here. Rum Sugar and Tobacco may be got here on better terms then in Maryland the other Articles bear nearly the same price. September 23

A quantity of Blankets, Shirts and Shoes are much wanted for our Soldiers. I have wrote for returns of the numbers, also for of the Winter Clothing that will be wanted, and wish to know what part of them I may expect from you, that I may in time apply to the Clothier General for the deficiencies.

[T. Donellan, Baltimore, to Gov Lee] September 24 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 47

S^r^ I take this opportunity by M^r^ Poe to acquaint your Excellency that the Liquors & Coffee are nearly on Board and that the Vessel will be ready to Sail for Annapolis to-morrow.

I Pray that your Excellency will enable me to discharge some acco^ts^ that I have Contracted for the State, Viz.

Cooperage	about	£350..—..—
Inspecting of Flour	d°	700..—..—
Disburst by me at Sundry times to Laborors &^c^		782..12.. 6
		£1832..12.. 6

To which may be added (if your Excellency thinks proper) Cash to pay off M^r^ Hudson's, M^r^ Kenners & M^r^ Swans Acco^ts^ of Fish Purchased from them

Viz. 95 Barrels of shad @ £250		£23750..—..—
118 d°	Herring @ £150	1770..—..—
		£41450..—..—

If my own pay for Services passt can conveniently be adjusted & Remitted with the above, 'twill be very acceptable and most Gratefully Received

[Edm'd Plowden to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.] September 24

Sir The sum of Tobacco I have received on loan for the use of the State since your last amounts to twenty two thousand seven hundred and eighty one pounds, a list of which I have inclosed to the Treasurer by this conveyance. I was called upon some time past by the purchasing Commissary of this County with and order from you for all the money and Tob° in my hands, however I had not any at that time, and If I am not otherways directed I shall continue to send all I receive to the Treasury, where I apprehend it is most wanting.

September 24 The extract you sent me of the subscription made by the gentlemen of the Assembly from this County I believe is paid into the hands of some of the other Commissioners.

It does not appear to me there will be any considerable quantity of Tob° obtained. I shall use my best endeavours to get all I can

September 25
Red Book No. 26
Letter No. 46

[T. Donellan Baltimore, to Gov Lee]

S^r^ This Covers an Invoice of the Taffia, Rum & Coffee Rec^d^ from Mess^rs^ Ridley & Pringle w^th^ the Capt^ns^ Rec^t^ for what he carrys to Annapolis to be delivered to whom your Excellency thinks proper to order. Was obliged to detain three Hh^ds^ of the Rum because the Vessel wou'd not hold it.

There's about a Thousand w^t^ more of Coffee than what your Exc^y^ order'd me to Receive but have taken in on Condition that your Excel^cy^ approves of it otherwise M^r^ Ridley is to take it again, as he Assured me that you agreed to take Two Thousand

September 25
Red Book No. 30
Letter No. 3

[Geo. P. Keeports Baltimore to Gov Lee]

May It Please your Excell^y^ Inclosed is an Invoice of the Cloth &c sent by your order There is several pieces Brown Shalloon Remaining & Four or Five pieces Cloth which I shall send By the Next oppertunity as the Vessel That I have put There on board of is Full. I have Bo^t^ for the New Omission one B^le^ Sugar and 13½ Bohea Tea for Cap^t^ Boyer which is all I could Pass The People are not Willing of Taking it. M^r^ William Smith has made Application to me for a Return of the 200 Shirts I Borrowed from him

September 26
Red Book No. 5
Letter No. 98

[Geo Plater, Dan of St. Thos Jenifer, John Hanson. J. Henry Philadelphia to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee]

Gentlemen In Consequence of your letter of the we inclose you Resolves of Congress of June 1780 and purpose to lay your bill before Congress this morning, if any thing is done in consequence thereof it shall be Communicated

September 26

[Jonathan Hudson to Council]

Draws for £3000 to pay for blankets and states that £25,000 are still due.

September 26
Red Book No. 7
Letter No. 195

[Richard Peters, By order, War Office to His Excellency Govr Lee]

Sir The Board have been honored with your Excellency's Letter of the 22^d^ Instant We should be extremely happy if it were in our Power to give Satisfaction on the Subject of Cloathing for the Maryland Troops; but are sorry to inform your Excellency that the Stock of Cloathing belonging to the United States is so trifling

that it is scarcely to be counted upon & therefore the Troops of Maryland as well as those of other States must chiefly depend on the Exertions of the respective Governments for their Supplies. If unhappily the States have Nothing in their Power the situation of the Army must be indeed distressing. Measures were taken more than twelve Months ago for the Importation of Cloathing & other Necessaries for the Army & we were taught to expect their Arrival in the Alliance Frigate but from Causes with which we are unacquainted that Vessell is arrived & has brought none of the Articles expected but a few Arms & some Ammunition as we have been informed. It is now said that the Cloathing is to come in the Ariel under the Conduct of Capt J. Paul Jones whose Arrival is daily expected. But so many Disappointments have turned up in the Course of this Business that we submit to your Excellency & the Hon^ble^ Council whether it will not be most prudent for every State to make Provision as if no Dependence was to be placed on foreign supplies. The Board will do all in their Power but the Means of Purchasing must be furnished by Congress & as we have not had those Means we presume it be out of the Power of Congress to furnish them. Our Knowledge of the melancholly State of the public Finances will warrant us in saying that no other Supplies are to be expected but those hoped for from France. but if domestic Supplies should contrary to our Expectations be provided the Board so few as depends upon them will attend to an equal Distribution of them as well as of the scanty Stock now on Hand. Enclosed is an Order for the Shirts borrowed of M^r^ Smith & as we have ordered the new Regiment a considerable supply we presume the Troops of Maryland will have had a full Proportion of the Stock on Hand. but if it should appear on Examination to be otherwise the Deficiency shall be supplied. The Board will give the earliest Information of the Arrivals from Europe & in the mean Time make no Doubt that every thing in their Power will be done by the Governments of the States.

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M^r^ Smith will also deliver any Linnen he now has purchased on public Account

[Geo. Plater, John Hanson, Dan. of St. Thos Jenifer, J. Henry Jun'r, Philadelphia, to Gov Lee]

September 26
Red Book No. 5
Letter No. 97
Referred to the Com. to whom the Lre of Genl Washington of Aug. 27 is referred

Dear Sir The interval between the coming in and going out of the post is so short, that we have it not in our power at this Time, to give you the information which you desire. We can assure you that very inconsiderable quantities have been imported by the Commercial Committee; some Linens have from time to time arrived but the quality and quantity we shall endeavour to inform you of in a few Days, as we are at present unacquainted with the amount of the returns: It has always been the object of Congress and the

September 26 Red Book No. 5 Letter No. 97

Duty of the Cloathier General to distribute the Cloth that is provided with impartiallity, if it has not been the case, we shall be able soon to give your Excellency information upon the subject. The present Cloathier General is a native of Maryland a man of Honor and a good officer and we believe I can undertake to say that no partial distribution has been made since his appointment

We shall endeavour by the first opportunity to inform you of the Cloathing & Military Stores annually imported by the United States. The quantity will be so small that we believe it will give your Excellency very little pleasure; and if the ten thousand suits which ought to have come out in the Alliance and is now daily expected in the Ariel, does not arrive, and the State cannot furnish Cloathing for their own Troops, they must be in a most deplorable situation through the whole of the approaching Season; for little or none can be expected from the Board of War; we shall however take every step in our power to secure for our own Troops their share of that little, small as it is.

The Cloathing which Maj^{r} Giles drew at Camp for the new-raised Reg^{t} is now here, and we shall detain the officer, which he employed in this Business for five or six days, in which time the Secretary of the Board of war assures us they shall be finished; we do this the more readily as it corresponds with the Majors orders.

Your Excellency's Letter to the Board of War we shall seal and deliver; and if our Exertion can avail any thing, they shall be employed in behalf of our gallant tho unfortunate Countrymen.

Brigadier Smallwood has been appointed by the unanimous voice of thirteen States a Maj^{r} General. This will give the State some pleasure tho' it is not all that she has a right to expect from Congress; the Troops of other States have received the Thanks of Congress for displaying less gallantry than has lately been exhibited by the Delaware & Maryland lines.

We have no intelligence to communicate. Reports prevail that the French Fleet is arrived at Rhode Island, but it wants confirmation: Admiral Rhodney is still at the Hook, and Graves is out. By the last letters from Camp preparations were making for an embarkation. The Conjectures respecting their destination was communicated to you a few Days ago.

September 26

[Dan'l Jenifer, Portobacco to Gov. Lee]

Sir By the inclosed Letter your Ex^{cy} will perceive that the Baltimorians are at their old tricks again; endeavoring to starve the Army I have been quite through the county Except in Benedict and have the promise of many Cattle, but very little dependance is to be put in the promises of the people now a days; the 15th of next month

is time I have settled for the receiving of them. I am greatly disappointed in the intrest, many pretences are made for the disappointments. Money must be had for near one half of my purchases of the 10000 ordered by the Council on the Sheriff of this County only £510 is paid; I should be glad that Vinegard cou'd be engaged to drive the Beeves to the head of Elk as I know of no one here equall to the task; September 26

Your Ex^cy by the return of Lansdale will I hope fill the hands of Your Excellencys Most ob^t Serv^t

[Stephen Compton to Dan^l Jenifer] Friday Morning

Dear Sir I am informed, that Tho^s Hungerford is commissconed by some person in Baltimore to purchase Beef & is now offering 100£ per 100 w^t and allso allows for the fifth quinten. I am afraid if you dont make your purchase before this Report gets Spread abroad, it may greatly hurt your purchase. [Enclosed in Letter of Daniel Jenifer to Gov. Lee Sep. 26. Received by Jenifer on Sat. Sept. 23, 1780]

[Lem'l Barritt, Colo., to Gov. Lee] September 26

May it plese your Excelency I have thought it my Duty to again acquaint you that many officers have moved out of this State to Kentucky and else whaier belonging to the militia in the western Batalion I hope your Excellency will be pleased to grant Commitions for New ones in their places Col° Bruse & myself Roate to your Excellency sum time agoe on that subject But have never had aney Returns which makes me think that the latter never Came to hand I hear by inclose to your Excellency a Coppy of them mens Names that seems to us to be the most spirited and best for that purpose if your Excellency thinks proper to apoint them I humbly Bege the Returns to be sent by Capt Joseph Crisop I have no news to acquaint your Excelency of from this quarter the Enemey are Daly Doing sum grattus mischiefs on the fronteers of pensilvania but have not crossed in over Lines of Late how Long it may hold so I am not able to say we are all in high spirits but very scarse of amunition should be glad if sum suplys should be sent up as soon as possible I am your Excellencys most obd^t and very humble Servant to command

Lem^l Barritt Col°

Oper old Town Capt. Joseph Crisop 1^st Lieu^t Moses Ayrs Jun^r 2^nd Lieu^t Thomas Dawson Ins. Bynon Bahman

Willstown Cap^t Henery Gunteman 1^st Lieut Zepeniah Ball 2^nd Lieut. John Naff Ins. Stephen Workman

Keyston Capt. John Ruggard 1^st Lieut William Gordin 2^nd Lieut Michel Collye Ins. Joseph Nicholas

September 26 [James Hindman Talbot County to His Excellency Thos S. Lee Esqr.]

Sir Having expended all the Money I received when last in Annapolis, must request your Favor to send me by the Bearer M^r^ Gibson, as much more as will fullfil my Contracts, which you will find by the enclos'd short Abstract of my Purchase of Beef on the Hoof and Wheat &c. to be upwards of £400 new Money, and any further Sum you may think necessary to order me. I have received no Tobacco from the Collector on your order as yet, the want of an Inspection has hitherto prevented people from paying their Tobacco tax, we have one Inspector now qualified in the County, and I presume the Collector will soon be enabled to pay me the Tobacco, which I shall immediately turn into Cash to defray the expences of driving the Cattle to the Head of Elk, and the Freights of the wheat. If agreeable should be much obliged to you for another order on the Collector for the same Quantity of Tobacco, which converted into Continental money would enable me to purchase both Beef and Wheat from many people who are not inclined at present to take the new Money. I have agreed with a Man to collect and drive forward the Cattle I have purchased and hope by the last of next week to have them well on their way to the head of Elk.

The Wheat purchased of Col^l^ Hemsley and M^r^ Paca I have agreed with Col^l^ Hemsley's Miller to manufacture at his Mill. He delivering me 112 lbs Nett Flour for every three Bushels of wheat when done will immediately send it to Annapolis. The Wheat purchased of M^r^ Bordley lies in Kent County, and being very convenient to the Head of the Bay, I have ordered it to the direction of Col^l^ Yeates. Wheat has risen here to £25 and unless I have your orders to give the same Price, there will be no probability of my getting any more.

September 29 [Auditor General's Office Annap^s^ to Colo Hollingsworth]

Sir His Excellency the Governor and His Council together with me are told that you have Passed Certificates for Sums of Money on acc^t^ of the Transportation of the Maryland Division & other Troops from the Head of Elk to Virginia; and that these Certificates have Passed from the Original Owners, perhaps to the Prejudice of the Present Holders.

And as His Excellency conceives that you have no Authority for Issuing such Bills, he has directed me to require that you immediately collect, all those Certificates and deliver to the holders in Lieu thereof the Receits from the Officers Specifying the Services perform'd by the Transports respectively, and the Times of their dismission from the Public Service. Should there be any cases where this Step is impracticable you can enclose the receipts above mention'd with duplicates of the Bills you have granted in behalf of the

United States to me who under the Direction of the Executive Council is alone the judge September 29

[Justices of Worcester County Court to Council] September 29

Mr. John Selbey, the Sheriff, has died and Mr. Bennett, the alternate, declines the office, The appointment of Edward Vandame is recommended (Endorsement: "Commission issued October 2")

[Joseph Dashiell Snowhill to Gov Lee] September 29 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 49

Sir I am extremely sorry to Inform you that the Enemys boats have Been Twenty miles up our Rivers and Has Burned a fine Briggentine of Messs Robt Dashiell & Henry one and several other small Vessels, and have plundered several of the Inhabitants: and not withstanding Several Guards ordered out upon Duty I am afraid they will not be restrained Except we had some Armed Boats. I am inform'd that Sundry of Our people has had a hand in our Misfortune, should be Glad of an Order from yr Excellency. to Carry them or any of them that may be found Gilty Before the Govr & Co as I am Convinced that nothing will be done with them heare Our Militia is very Tardy and many of them Refuse to Turn out: sum thing from your Excellency on that head will be absolutely Nesesary: I shall forward the Cattle as soon as I Can get them Colected, am sorry to Inform you that Very few will take the new money; I have never yet heard of the Arm'd Boats, if they had Ever Come into the sound I Believe no misfortune would have happened to the Inhabitants, we have several Vessels Loaded with Corn and pork and Cant send them out, for those Whale Boats; I am Convinced that if a Stop is not put to the progress, that our people will rebel especialy, the Disafected: the Enemy the Day they Burn'd the Vesel at Vienna did Co Henry more then £30, as Damage

N B. A number of Negros have gone on Board them.

[Pat. Sim Smith, Calvert to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr.] September 29

Sir Inclosed are notes for 3 Hogsheads of Tobacco at Pile's warehouse in Charles County paid me by Co Fitzhugh for his subscription as a loan to the State. The other Subscriptions I have not received but have promises of their being paid shortly Mr Freelands who having sold a Horse to Mr Jones the purchaser in this County for Tobacco is desirous of having his Subscription discounted.

Co Fitzhugh is now Collecting the wheat I have purchased and promises to have it manufactured Immediately, He will also Collect of some Gentlemen who have engaged me flour, and manufacture it for them. I flater myself I shall shortly be able to render an Account of what flour we shall have ready.

September 29 My purchase in wheat as yet does not exceed three hundred bushells, tho am promised much more what I have got has been Cheifly for Certificates. Some wheat has been paid for the 15 ꝑ Cent but it comes as yet very slow.

I shall in a little time have a hundred & some odd bushells of wheat on the Ray & fear shall meet with difficulty in procuring a Vessell to Carry it to the Head of Elk. if there is any Vessell belonging to the State at Annapolis or elsewhere that Can be spared for that purpose. I will give notice when & where it will be ready.

I have made enquiry for Beef on the Hooff and find a Quantity may be had but on very extravagant Terms. the Butchers from Annapolis have been down & offered four Continental Dollars pr pound & tis now not to be had for less.

I have endeavoured but can make no Contracts at forty for one, of the new Emissions, must therefore decline attempting a purchase untill I am further Instructed.

September 30 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esqr In Council]

Gentlemen Your favor by Giles came duly to hand have in part comply'd with its contents, have appointed some Neighbours to Iudge of the Horses; who have Judg'd fifty four to be deliver'd to Colo Yeats and forty odd are retain'd to me, on account of the State, I have done all I can to get those Horses out to Pasture, but tis not possible there is no person that will take one of them, and be accountable for their not getting away, nor can I get any person to take any of them, on any terms, they have eaten up all the Pasture I have and about fifteen Ton of hay, with a Considerable quantity short Forage and will in a short time not leave me a Straw of anything to winter my own Stock with, for I have not money to buy a shillings worth, that which your Excellency sent me wont pass & the Order on Mr Hamilton is not Honor'd, so that I am just as far off remedy as ever, more than I have forty six horses instead of a hundred and as I cannot keep them longer, beg you will be pleas'd to direct what I shall do with them. they can't be Pastur'd out, there is no pasture, and if they were they wou'd sell for less, at the end of a Month than now. I have advis'd with Esqr Gilpen who's opinion is they ought to be sold, they will sell pretty well & as I am indebted but to every body here, on public Accounts, and as those accounts by a late resolve of Congress, are to be paid by this State, think it will be much to the advantage of the State, to have the Horses sold at Public Vendue, as it will pay a Considerable part of the Debts, and they will be bought by people who I am in arrears to, and are contagious to the waggonage at this place, tis the only way I see of getting rid of them in which case three fourths of them

will go to the use. they were intended for, tho Col° Yeates wont receive them, for the use of Public Waggons, yet the people will buy them, and do public work with them, which is the Mode M^r^ Yeates wishes to have the Public business done. September 30

Ile thank you for your further Directions

[Joseph Dashiell, Salisbury, to Gov Lee] September 30

May it please y^r^ Excellency I rote you yesterday by M^r^ Vandam: to which I refer you: but as that was rote in grate Hurry & Confusiton, I will now Indivour to give you a Detail: of the Conduc of Our people at Vianna upon the appearance of the Enemys Boats which I am informed they saw sum time before they Landed Insted of flying to armes: the Inhabitants more in number then the Enemy: suffer them to Land without offring them the Least opposition; and permitted Twelve white men & Twenty one negro men to Stay at Vianna from abought half an hour by Sun in the morning untill Neare 12 a Clock, in which time they Burn'd a new briggentine of Mess^rs^ Rob^t^ Dashiell & my one. a Vesel Belonging to M^r^ James Shaw one Vesel Belonging to One Traver: and hove down a New Vessel of Prichet Willeis that was Building and Distroy'd all the Tools the poore man had & did him much more Damage, they Left One new Vesel on the Stock & a sloop Belonging to one M^r^ Hopkins & I Cant heare that they Ignord any one else at that place Except taking away some negroes, after this they went down the river 3 or 4 miles to Col° John Henry's whare they gave a Specimen of their savage Disposition, they Broke all the Glass in his house all the Dores his Clock Broke up all his Flores and puled up all his Windscut. Broke his Still Started all his Sider & Brandy & did him a grate Deal more Damage, Caried of Two of his Negro men, and Neare Night, thus Left him and then proceeded down to Damquarter in Somerset County whare they ware Rec^d^ with open Armes by our people and Carest for the noble acts they had done, I would observe to you that Capt. Joseph Venables of Somerset had notice of their Being at Vianna Early in the morning: by a man that Inform^d^ him they ware Indevoring to Burn the Brigg^e^ but I Cant heare of One single man he attempted to race to appoint them. altho it was within five miles of his House. and his Company all in that Neighborhood, if he had have done his duty the whole Damage might have bin prevented, the next morning I was Informed that several more Boats had threathnd to Cum up Pocomock & Wicom. to Take sum Vesels that is Landed with Corn and Pork and to plunder sum of the most Welthy Inhabitants on the Water side. In consequence of which Immediatly ordered out the first Class of the Militia and it is with grate Dificulty we Can keep a guard of thirty men together and many have Refus'd Expressly to march against the Enemy: I should be Glad of sum Express orders from you on that occation. Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 50

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I am sorry to inform you that from Every appearance we are in a much worse situation then we have bin in this war. a grate Majority of our people seem Determined to give over, and the progress these small Vesels have made, is so fervent to Convince those Ignorant retches that we are on Our Last Legs.

and I am as sorey to Inform you that Very few will take a Shilling of the new paper mony, & the Colectors of the Tax have not yet paid me a farthing towards the Orders you gave me, and had it not bin for the Class mony My Boro. & my self has Rec^{d} I must have Stopt my purchis: that is now nearly Gone and if the Collectors do not pay me I shal not have mony to start the Cattle I have Ingaged.

When Cap^{t} Rob^{t} Dashiel went to Annapolis with the Soldiers & provisions for the Armey I Lent him Sixteen of the public armes to guard the Soldiers & provision, on his return I Landed them at Vianna in M^{r} Willeis House, there the Enemy was Inmediately Conducted to which they Caried off with all the amunition that was with them. I am inform'd that their is a Number of arms at Talbut. should be Glad your Excellency would allow us to have Sum of them as I have but one hundred before I Lost the 16, at Vianna, Upon knowing of our people having ordered upon Guard the Enemy has run down the sound, out of Our Reach Except we had proper Boats to persue them, if they stay on the Island all our negroes will run to them, & the Life of No whigg heare will be safe. The Vesels now Loaded with public Corn & pork Can't posably go out of the River with out a Convoy, & if it is not sent very soon the Bacon will be grate part of it Lost.

The Toreys heare say that there is a large Imbarcation at New York Bound to this bay: how they get their Intelegence I know not but one thing I will Observe that they always have advice before us from that Q^{r}

Pray if you intend any more armes & Cartouch Boxes for us please send an order by the barer

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[Joseph Dashiell, Salisbury, to Gov Lee]

D^{r} Sir I am Sorry to Inform you that a number of these New Ras'd Troops that was sent up to Annapolis are returned into this County and are here entertained by their friends: should be Glad to know what reward is given for taking them up and how they are to be Disposed of after they are apprehended as our Goals will not hold them Several of them that Desarted and never went up is now returned into the County and some of them Gone on board the Enemy's Vesels:

As well as several other Toryes: sum of which I will mention. Col^{o} Gunbys Bro: Joseph Francis Cheney one Starling Rob^{t} Lamdon. Geo. Herron &^{c} &^{c} and if a stop is not put to these Crusers

I am Convinced all our most Valuable Negros will run away Twento ad of them are already gone
pray give Sum Direction a bought the Desarters &c — September 30 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 51

[Hughes & Williamson Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee] — September 30

May it please Your Excellency On the 16th May ult. we sold Mr Randall Sundry Linens for the use of the State as per bill furnished him amount £5720..12..6 for which Sum he gave us a Bill on your Excellency, payable in three weeks which we have once presented but which the State of the Treasury at that time we believe prevented from being paid. the express conditions of the Sale were, to be paid in three weeks and the sum contracted for made good to us in case there should be any depreciation we need not represent the Loss we have sustained from the want of that sum which though small bears the same proportion as a greater, but now hope the Treasury is in a Situation to discharge the Publick debts and beg your Excellency will please to pay Mr James Tootell the sum due us viz

Principal due the 6th June		£5720..12..6
Exchange then @ 60 for 1		
difference now	15 is 74	1430.. 3..1½
	75 the present Exch.	7150..15..7½

[George Dashiell, Som't County to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee] — September 30 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 52

Sir By a letter from Colo Stone of the 13th Inst it appears my last to your Excellency was without A date, My inattention however to that circumstance, I hope was not of Great consequence. The counties of Somerset & Worcester are at this time invaded on every quarter by the Enemy's Cargos and tenders, and the inhabitants plundered in the most shamefull manner of every species of Property worth taking nor can the Militia prevent their depredations in many parts contiguous to the water & accessible to their Vessels. On Sunday night last two or three barges on board of which were 30 or 40 Saylors Tories & negroes, came up Nanticoke river as far as Vienna, Burnt Several valuable vessels, and plundered the inhabitants on the river of their Slaves and Valuable Effects; and on Annemessix the people have shared the same fate; I am informed of A number of arm'd boats being in Pocomoke river, and several privateers are constantly cruising in Tangier Sound (which frequently come to the mouth of Wicomico & Nanticoke rivers To prevent further ravages I have ordered A detachment of Militia on duty, at Places most exposed to their incursions I hope my con-

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duct will meet with your Excellencies Approbation. The bearer Mr Bennet brings receipts for 753 bushels of Corn transported to the head of Elk, for the use of the State. 60 bushels of which was carried on Acct of Mr Jackson, for which I have recd a Certificate for the freight at 30s ℔ Bushel. Necessity obliged me to retain 9 bushels of the Corn purchased on Acct of the State at £7.10 ℔ bushel, which sum deducted out of the freight on 693 bushels leaves a balance of £972 for which sum, I request the favour of your Excellency & Honours to give me an order on the Collector of the Tax. I have also sent the Certificate of the Valuation of my schooner, Taken by the Enemy in the Service of The State, And request the favour of you to Give me an order on the Treasurer of the Eastern shore for the Amount. I am much in want of Cartridge boxes, lead, and a few Camp kettles, If they can be furnished I will send to Kent Island by land for them.

October

[Luther Martin, pro Libel. Thomas Sollers To the Honourable Benjamin Nicholson Judge of the Court of Admiralty of the State of Maryland]

The Libel of Thomas Sollers Naval Officer of the Port of Baltimore who Prosecutes as well for himself as the State of Maryland Humbly sheweth that on the day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty at the Port of Baltimore, within the Iurisdiction of this Honourable Court Sixteen Barrels of Bread, and Fifteen Barrels of Flour were Laden on Board of the Sloop Experiment Leigh Master Owner in order to be Exported by Water out of the State of Maryland to wit unto the Island of New Providence Contrary to the form of the Act in that Case made and Provided and that he the said Thomas did then and there the said Sloop Together with her Furniture, Tackle Apparel and Cargo, seise and take wherefore he Prays that the same may be Condemned as Lawful Prize to the use of the said Thomas and the State, and that your Honour will make such order and Decree thereon as to Your Honour shall seem meet &c.

And the said Thomas Sollers on behalf of himself and the State by his Libel further shews to your Honour that on the day and year aforesaid, at the Port of Baltimore within the Jurisdiction of this Court, he the said Thomas Sollers did Take and Seize as lawfull Prize the Sloop Experiment Together with her Furniture, Takle, Apparel and Cargo Consisting of Fifteen Barrels of Flour, sixteen Barrels of Bread, Four Barrels of Apples one Clock &c which said Sloop Furniture, Takle, Apparel and Cargo then was the Property of Leigh Masters, and Sundry other persons Subjects of the King of Great Brittain, and Enemies of this State, and of the United States of America. Wherefore the said Thomas Sollers, Prays that the said Sloop with her Furniture, Apparel, Takle and Cargo, may

be Adjudged lawful Prize and that such order and decree may be made thereon as shall to your Honour seem meet &c October

[J. & P. French & Nephew, Bordeaux, to His Excellency Gover[r] Lee] October 1 Red Book No. 21 Letter No. 21

Sir Though we have not the honor of being Known to your Excellency we take the freedom of addressing to you under the Auspices & at the desire of our old most p'ticular friend & Correspondant M[r] Stephen Steward, West river, relative to a bill of Exch[ge] N° 1 drawn by your State on Mess[rs] Osgood Hanbury, Silvanus Grove & James Russell, State Agents in London for £1500 St[g] Pursuant to our friend M[r] Steward's directions we got it presented as quick as possible by very perticular friends of our's in London, Mess[rs] French & Coleson & wrote ourselves at same time to the above three Gentlemen, who unanimously refused accepting & accordingly we now inclose you the p'test, their answer to our letters we have in cource forwarded to his Excellency Benjamin Franklin Esq[r] to whom we also had the honor of Corresponding on the occasion, as well as with W[m] Carmichael Esq[r] & the other trustees, in short y[r] Excellency depend th[t] we spared no pains in our power in order to procure payment for said bill as We sho'd most certainly have had great pleasure in giving you the utmost satisfaction in the management of this business & Convincing y[r] Excellency the great attention we shall pay in Executing any orders confided to our care by you & the members of that State; We hold ourselves p'ticularly obliged to our good friend M[r] Steward for hav[g] procured an opportunity of addressing to you & assuring you how sincerely & respectfully we are Your Excellencies Devoted H'[ble] Serv[ts]

You have Copy of William Carmichael Esq[rs] Letter to us relative to the Bill of 1500 lbs also M[r] Russell of London's answer, as yet we have no answer from his Excellency Benjamin Franklin Esq[r] to whom we have wrote a Couple of Posts ago on the Occasion In Course you'll hear of our Success.

[James Russell London to Messrs J. & P. French & Nephew] September 26 Red Book No. 28 Letter No. 22

Sirs I am to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favours 13 May & 16 Curr[t] am much obliged to you for the trouble you took to settle with Mess: Delay & C° I observe they had paid £1005:2:9 to M[r] James Grahame before he left France & the ballance that remains due is to be paid to Joshua Johnson on M[r] Grahame's acco[t] as soon as it is recovered, when that money is paid, please advise me that I may charge it to M[r] Graham's Father's estate who is since dead; your last favour advised me that you had remitted a bill of £1500 drawn by the States of Maryland on Mess[rs] Hanbury, Grove

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& self. Benj. Franklin Esq^{r} sent us the Act of Assembly of that state empowering us to sell the Stock to pay the bills and apply the money under his directions, however willing I might have been transact the affair under their act my Partners thought it necessary to consult the attorney and solicitor general who's opinions we sent to Benj. Franklin Esq^{r} with our answer to his letter dated the 6 Curr^{t} a copy of our letter I inclose you and begg leave to refer you to that answer; shall be happy to see your partner here,

P. S. I am extremely sorry to find there has been no account of the arrival of M^{r} J: Grahame, If you hear any thing of him, you will oblige me very much by informing me of it.

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[O. Stansbury, S. Grove, and J. Russell London to Benj. Franklin Esqr]

His Excellency The not having had it in our power to transmit to you sooner a precise Answer to your several favors has given us much concern, we trust you will not impute any intentional delay to us when we assure you that for our Guidance in the business we took the earliest opportunity of having a fair and impartial State of our Case as Trustees prepared and laid before M^{r} Wallace his Majesty's Attorney Gen^{l} and M^{r} Masfield who it is expected will be solicitor Gen^{l} whose opinions we have the honor to Inclose you; upon the perusal of which we persuade ourselves you will readily agree that in the very particular situation in which we stand as trustees under the several Acts of Assembly, we are compelled to the disagreeable necessity to comply with the request made to us by your favor of the 20 of May. We yet beg leave to observe that when the favorable opportunity occurs that we can discharge our trust with honor & fidelity we shall have the greatest satisfaction Imaginable in so doing, in the Interim we hope that from your Candour and that of your Gov^{r} and State of Maryland our Conduct will receive the most friendly interpretation.

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[Wm. Carmichael, St. Ildefonse, to J & P French & Nephew]

Gentlemen I had the pleasure to receive your favor of the 16th Ins^{t} with its inclosure on the 23^{d} and my Satisfaction would have been heightened, had it been in my power to have given you any agreable information touching the bill of Exchange I now return you I received notice in the month of may last of the honor done me by the state in naming me one of the Trustees for this business in case Mess^{rs} Hanbury, Grove and Russell did not chuse to comply with the Intentions of the act.

I immediately wrote to his Excellency B. Franklin as he was impowered to authorize any one of the five last named Persons & intreated him not to think of me as it was a trust incompatible with

my present situation, my Letters to the Legislature were to the same purport. However I endeavored to obtain all the information in my power on the Subject; in order to transmit it to the Assembly & for this reason wrote to London & to B: Franklin Esq^{r} I received no answer to my letters to London, & my last on this Subject from his Excellency is dated the 17th of June in which he informs me that he had written to the Gentlemen in London and Inclosed them the act of Assembly, but had not then received their answer, I therefore take the liberty of advising you, Gentlemen, to address D^{r} Franklin on this subject, it will be particularly distressing to the State to be disapointed of the supplies they have ordered in Expectation of their being enabled to pay for them by these bills, funds for which they have had in the Bank of England several years it is indeed I believe the only State of the union which hath a fund in Europe & also one of the States in the union the most capable of fulfilling its engagements at home and abroad, if the British Governm^{t} interposes & prevents the payment of this money the state hath an Easy remedy, they may & I think will confiscate and sell immediately all British Property in the State & there is for a very great amo^{t} so that the Holders of the bills will in a very little time be reimbursed any advances which they may make, it would be particularly pleasing to me to have been of any use to M^{r} Stewart, with whose son in the American Army, I am well acquainted and whose gallantry would have distinguished him in any Country. I beg you to inform me of the success that attends your further inquiries on this subject & at the same time permit me thank you for the obliging offers & intelligence contained in y^{r} letter in return be assured that I shall be happy in occasions of shewing my sence of them

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P. S. any letters that you may be so obliging as to address me in future will reach me with more safety under Cover to Mess^{rs} Drouilhet & C^{o} Bankers at Madrid.

[Jos. Johnson, Kent County to Gov. Lee] October 1

Sir Immediately on Receiving your Order and Instructions I wrote Col. Hollingsworth and also Sent the Instructions Relative to the Flour &^{c} procured by me now at duck Creek. that I was desirous to Deliver the property to him or Order as soon as possible but was sorry to find by his answer to my second Letter that a Copy of which I Enclose that he could not Receive this property at Duck Creek without your Special Order therefore on Information that Col^{o} Yeates was appointed to this buissiness I wrote a Letter to him Respecting this matter and also Informed him I was apprehensive that damage had or would Ensue as the flour had been Long packed and Lain in Store I Rec^{d} his answer that it was Ready to goe into an Examination of the flour at any time I would appoint but must Reject in Case of damage. I should be glad that your Excellency and

October 1 the Hon[l] Councill would furnish me with full Instruction by Col[o] Yeate's messenger, and hope that your Excellency and the Hon[l] Council will not Impute any of this piece of neglect to me as I have done Every thing in my power am still Ready to Forward this matter or any thing Else that Relates to the good of our Army

October 2 [Benj Mackall 4th Calvert County to His Excell'y, Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I expected to have had the Pleasure of waiting upon you this week to deliver up the inclosed Commission; but having been ill for many weeks past, and now so much indisposed that I can't undertake the Journey to Annapolis to attend the Court of Appeals with safety, have taken the Liberty of inclosing it; and request that some other Person may be appointed to that Office. I think it contrary to the 30th Sect: of the Declaration of Rights that I should hold the Commission and therefore must beg Leave to Resign, have also inclosed, Clare's and Hobbs's Enlistments. One David Randall was some time ago enlisted in this County, but, soon after got wounded in the Arm. as he is now almost well, have given Orders for him to march immediately to Annapolis.

October 3 Red Book No. 5 Letter No. 100 [Geo Plater J Henry Junr John Hanson Philadelphia to Council]

Gentlemen From the last return of the Clothier Gen[l] dated in August, there appeared to be about one thousand suits of Clothing on hand; besides which, there are in the hands of the different purchasing Agents, Cloath enough for 35000 Suits, linen for 20.000 Shirts, Baize (which was a Considerable time ago ordered to be Milled) for 14000 Blanketts a great Sufficiency of Shoes, and Variety of Articles for the Summer Season, such as linen Overalls Hunting Shirts &c. Out of the Stock which was on hand in August, the new raised Maryland regiment has been supplied. The deficiency of Clothing, which is necessary to be made up depends principally on the Supplies expected from France, which it is more than probable will not now arrive in time. be assured we shall allways endeavour to have such Justice done our Troops, in the distribution of what Cloathing there is now on hand, and also of any that may hereafter be procured. but as most of what is now on hand, lyes in the Eastern States, and will be transported to Head Quarters, it is probable the Army there will be first supplied.

We have laid your two letteds respecting General Gate's drafts, before Congress, who have not yet come to any determination on the Subject.

October 5 [William Henry George Town to Gov. Lee]

Sir I have taken the liberty to inclose your Excellency a Certificate for the quantity of Wheat seized by Col[o] Isaac Perkins which

he informs me is to be replaced as it was the property of the French Agent. I shou'd therefore thank your Excellency for an Order on M^r^ Voorhees for the like quantity of Wheat or Flour, by which means I shall be enabled to settle my Acco^ts^ finally with M^r^ Hudson or M^r^ William Smith of Baltimore Town. October 5

I Hereby Certify that last february I seized Five hundred and Six bushels of wheat from Col^o^ William Henry whoe Purchased the said Wheat on Account of M^r^ William Smith of Baltimore Town for the French Marine, that I Ground the said Wheat which Produced Seventy eight Barrels neat Weight One hundred & fifty four hundred one Quarter and Twenty three pounds and that the said flour was last March delivered to Col^o^ Hollingsworth at the head of Elk for the American Army.

Isaac Perkins Commis^y^ Oct. 28^th^ 1780

[L. Master, Baltimore, to the Council] October 5

Gentlemen I must beg Your Honours will be so good to allow me seven days longer time having been disappointed by the Builder in geting my Mast owing as he pretends to the bad weather I have been to the Commissary of Prisoners to represent this to your Honours but he is gone out of town therefore I have taken the Liberty of giving your Honours this trouble w^ch^ I hope you will excuse

[William Yates to Gov. Lee] October 6

Sir with regard to the Subscriptions you Desired me to Collect I must Inform you that I live at a remote distance from those Gentlemen you mention and Consequently had no oppertunity to Collect them. But Doc^r^ Schnevely has promised to Collect and send them as Quick as posable. Before and since you Wrote to me I have done Every thing in my power to Serve you But without the Least success was it not that I live in so remote a part of the County and it so porely and thinly Inhabited I should be almost ashamed to return you this answer. but that being the case I think I am Intitled to your Excuse.

[Jos'a Beall Lieut Ps Gs Cty Malbro to Gov. Lee] October 6

S^r^ Col^l^ Skinner is Dead a field officer is Wanting for the Lower Battalion of this County Maj^r^ Lyles of course I suppose will be promoted to Lieu^t^ Col^l^ & Capt. J. H. Beans I think will make a very, good Maj^r^

[Danl Jenifer to Gov. Lee] October 6
Red Book No. 22 Letter No. 8

Sir I have sent by John Verden 17 head of the Stray Cattle they are some thing fallen off but in better plight than I expected, & more

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are Left in Doctor Jenifers Meadow, they being too poor to drive up, I expect to be in Annapolis next week when I shall close my Accounts.

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[Joseph Ford Leonard Town to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esqr.]

Sir Your Excellencies letters of the 20th & 28th Septemr by Mr Ford and Collo Forrest I received Each accompanied with five Hundred Pounds of the New Bills and have to say in Answer, that the number of Steers from St Mary's will I fear fall short of what I expected Owing to Mr Jenefers Giving a greater Price in Charles County. I have Purchased from fourty to fifty good Steers from four to Seven Grasses, five and a half Dollars of the New Bills (except some few which I gave certificates and old circulating currency for And them I think I shall get settled with this new Money) with a promise of a Higher Price if any commissary gives it in the Lower Counties by authority, the People in this county I am well Assured would have been contented with the 5½ Dollars If a greater price had not been given

I shall send off next fryday or Saturday from fourty to fifty and thirty more will I think be as many as I shall be able to have Ready, to forward Shortly after, and this I shall be deceived in probably if the other purchasers continue to give a greater Price, There is to be had here Three or four Hundred good Whethers and from an Experience the meat comes much Lower than Beef and keeps in Pickle Better, I speak from a Trial I had last fall.

I must begg leave to mention to yr Excellency that there is but one Cooper in this County and he has no particular place of Residence who I have kept for Better than four weeks expecting to know whether the Staves I have on hand is to be made up he has promised to wait Ten days before he sets off for Baltimore his price is much Reasonabler than I Believe a professed cooper is to be got for in the State one Hundred and fifty Pounds ꝑ month and will make Two Barrels a day I have not purchased any Cattle to Slaughter here, If any is [to be had?] the best time is [passing?] in my opinion before they can be bought collected & Slaughtered it will be late in the fall I have not been well since I left Annapolis or I think I should have had my first Drove of Steers at the Head of Elk Before this. your Excellency may depend my Utmost endeavors will be Used to make up a good Proportion of the Supplies wanted, the Bacon and Wheat that I've purchased is still with me, there has been no possibility of geting it away with any Safety could not one the State Boats come for it and about four Hundred Bushels corn that Coll Jordan has in his Care they would be able to keep the Barges off.

[Dan'l Jenifer, Pot°, to Gov. Lee] October 7

Sir I had the honor of your Ex^cys^ L^tre^ of the 28^th^ Ult° together with the mony sent for the purchasing of provisions for the Army, 1000 sheets too many were sent 25 being put into each quire but those shall be accounted for.

Your Exc^y^ & the Council were heretofore informed that the 15^th^ of this month was the day prefixed for receiving Neat Cattle in five days after that time I hope to have the Major part in a drive tow^ds^ the head of Elk. The wheat I shall begin to receive next week and a few days will finish the business. I have now to request of Your Ex^cy^ to supercede my Commission as Register of Wills in this County, and that you will be so obliging as to app^t^ Walter Hanson Esq^r^ the late Register to that office, as he is better qualified and will give more satisfaction, than any Gen^t^ I know in the County. This requisition is made by my being Elected to serve as a delegate in the next Assembly If M^r^ W. Hanson Jun^r^ the Contractor for horses hands were filled I believe that he wou'd soon compleat his number, as he is Remarkably industrious and diligent, would make you a good Commissary of purchases when my time expires which will be at the end of this month. I hope that Y^r^ Ex^cy^ will excuse this hasty and unintellg^t^ Scrawl as I've had a Seven weeks Task.

[Henry Schnebely, Contr. for Waggons & teams, Hagars Town, to the Council] October 7

Gent^n^ Since the rec^t^ of your order on the Sheriff of this County I have purchased 4 Waggons and Eighteen Horses & expect shall be able to fit out 4 or 5 teams by the time I get your answer to this Letter as there is a quantity of Linen in Col. Shryocks hands purchased under the direction of M^r^ Calhoon of Baltimore for the Publick if you think proper to give me an order for it I can have Covers & Bags made to each waggon, without which they ought not to be sent off it will be difficult for me to hire waggoners to drive the Waggons to the head of Elk, if I can have receits for them at Baltimore I think I co^d^ readily get men to take them to that place, and with your concurence can Load them with Continental flour purchased by myself & other Coms^rs^ which remains here to be forwarded, and probably the grain collected by tax will want a Conveyance, if you deem it expedient these teams may make two or three trips to Baltimore in that business, there is also old Indian Corn & Rye which was purchased by the Com^rs^ & some brand in different Mills in this County the Corn & Rye might likewise be sent to Baltimore or the Rye distilled for the Soldiery if you think proper. the purchases I have made amount to £24962 & have rec^d^ of Col. Stull £750 his subscription to the Loan & from the Sheriff in p^r^ of your order £1747..10. which is all expended in Small sums paid each

October 7 person from whom I have purchased these sums are so inconsiderable part of the purchase it will be impossible for me to proceed without a farther Supply M[r] Elie Williams Clerk of this County informs me has 12800 Dollars Ordinary Licence Money in his hands which he intends paying into the treasury by the 1[st] of Nov[r] & is will[g] to pay it to your order which I hope you'll send me by M[r] Clagett. I shall use my utmost endeav[rs] to compleat the purchase as soon as possible which I dont dispair of doing in a short time provided you furnish me with money

October 7 [Moses Rawlings Fort Frederick to His Excellency Thos S. Lee Esqr]

Sir I have the honour to acquaint your Excellency that since I receiv'd your favour of 22[d] August that I have been all through this County in order to purchase Provision, But Cannot make the least Contract with Either Certificates or the new bills of Credit, Every ones Cry is money. I am sorry to say that I cannot find a man in this County that will Trust the Public for one Bushel of wheat, this Article I have Every reason To beleave may be Bought for 40 Doll[s] p[r] Bushel, Beef I doubt will far Exceed the price allowed by Congress.

I have receiv[d] a great deal of Wheat For the last Tax, but no Beeff. have given the Miller Directions to have the wheat ground & Pack[d] as fast as Possible. your Excellency will be pleased To send me directions about the Flour, and if I am to hire Teams for the Conveyance of it to Baltimore or not.

I hope tis now in your Excell[cy] Power To send me a supply of Cash, by the return of our high Sheriff from the general Court which will be a good oppertunity

October 7 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 83 [Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to His Excellency Governor Lee.]

Sir I am directed by Congress to inform you that a Letter hath been received from the Commander in Chief at Head Quarters, representing that the Army must again be reduced to Extremity for want of Flour except a Supply should arrive in a few Days.

It is therefore the earnest request of Congress that what remains of the Quota of Flour from your State may be sent on with all possible Dispatch

October 7 [Jas Calhoun, Baltimore to His Excellency Thos S. Lee, Esqr.]

Sir I received your Excellencies favour of yesterday & shall not fail to make the return at the time required.

The persons I appointed to receive Provision for the Assessm[t] hath not yet furnished me with an Acco[t] of what has been delivered but I believe it is very trifling as there was no inducement to pay

either in wheat or Cattle for the Miller's gave the price allow'd by Law & some of them more for the wheat & Beef sells much higher, I have been offered a good deal of Beef lately but not under from 3½ to 4 Dollars ℔ ℍ and this is the proper season to purchase that Article if I am to buy & salt up any quantity of Meat this fall it is high time to begin to engage it, and should be glad to have your orders respecting this matter whether to purchase on the Hoof or by the pound and where the Salt and Casks are to be got October 7

M^r^ Donnellan has applyd to me for a considerable quantity of Ship Stuff to mix with the condemn'd flour he is directed to get baked into bread please inform me whether I am to purchase what is wanted for that purpose.

I have not yet received any money on your orders except from the Town Collector and am nearly without any. I cannot get the new Money to circulate generally with the Millers & Farmers although most of the Merch^ts^ of this place have signed an Agreem^t^ within these few days to take it which I hope will be the means of getting it to pass pretty freely ere long

[Thos Price, Frederick Town to the Council] October 8

Gentlemen I have received about 3500 Bushels of Wheat and upwards of one hundred Barrels Flour there are about two hundred & fifty Barrels of Flour manufactured and I shall now be able to send forward at least 150 Barrels if furnished with money. I have industriously endeavord to procure Waggons, but as I have no power to impress, I find it impossible to get a Sufficient number, unless I could assure the waggoners that they shall receive their pay immediately on their return. I have with difficulty engaged eight two of whom have caried their loads to Baltimore & returned, the other six will go in a few days. I agreed with them at £250 p^r^ Ton from Frederick Town & so in proportion for a greater or larger distance which sum is given by Mess^rs^ Johnsons for the cariage of Bomb shells & I could not procure them cheaper It is impracticable to proceed in the business successfully without Cash. Many of the coopers are poore and cannot afford to be kept long out of their pay they refuse to make Barrels for less than £6..15. I have endeavoured to contract for Beef for the new Emission but the people will not agree to take it until they see wether it will pass current. It is probable that about 50 or 60 Head of Cattle perhaps more might be bought at £90 ℔ lb If your Excellency & Honors thought Proper to buy a quantity of Salt with Tobacco & have it lodged in Baltimore, to be served out to the Waggoners who carry flour at a price somewhat lower than the Merchants sell at, it would be a strong inducement for them to hurry down, and I think any number might be had, the Bran & sherts will soon encumber the Millers much, & I wish to be instructed what is to be done with them. I have directed

October 8 the Millers not to sepperate the midlings from the fine Flour it will be a saving to the state, till I know your pleasure respecting it. the Wheat in general is fine and the best Judges amongst us say that the Bread made of the coarse & fine mixed will be very good I have directed that no Flour be received from those that pay Flour, but what is merchantable you will be pleased to inform me whether you would the whole of the wheat manufactured into merchantable Flour or wether part may be mixed with the middlings as above mention'd and what proportion, as soon as I am favour'd with your commands I shall pay due attention. it gives me much Pain that the Business I am engaged in is not more forward but I can safely declare that I have assiduously exerted my abilities to answer your Expectations & desires, and that I shall not be wanting in my endeavours to discharge the trust reposed in me.

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No. 53

[Rich'd Dallam Harford County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I had the Honor to receive Your Excellencys several Letters of the 26th Ultimore of the 6th Inst I am now engaged in preparing my different Returns as Required for the General Assembly and will if Possible have them ready in time. The first sum of New money sent me I have still on hand it being in no Credit & will not be taken for any thing I want to purchase.

I have been so much confined at my Office that it was out of my Power to Visset the Farmers myself for the purpose of Purchasing Wheat &c but from the Accounts rendred me from different Persons I have sent out on that Business. I find that neither Wheat nor Beef can be procured without Cash & the price asked is much higher than I can think myself Justifiable in giving had I money to give, I am at a loss to know what steps must be taken to Compell payment of the 15 ℔ Ct. Tax from those Classes which did not procure substitutes The Law I apprehend does not order Executions to be Issued untill the recruits were enlisted tho it certainly was the intention of the Legislator that they should therefore should be glad to have your Excellencys directions.

The Attention of our Farmers time has been taken up with their Fruits so that very Little grain is yet thrash'd but I am in hopes in a few weeks their Wheat will be ready for market & if I can be furnish'd with such money as they will take I may be able to procure a considerable Quantity

What Cattle I have shall forward immediately & I hope I shall be able to Procure 40 head by next week as I shall stake the remains of my Property as security for payment but should be much obliged If your Excellency will let me know the most that I ought to allow or what is given by others I know I must exceed 90£ ℔ Ct

& what ever I purchase am obliged to fix a sum in hard money to prevent a depretiation & Promise payment of Intrest October 8 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 53

The Conveyance of Cattle a Cross Susquehannah is very difficult My Cattle will have but a Short distance to be drove to the river from the Experiance I have of it fear I shall have trouble in geting them a Cross & therefore If it will do to slaughter them will prefer it

Your Excellency will Please to give me every direction necessary for conducting this Business by return of my Brother If Pork or Beef is to be salt'd up I should be glad to know as soon as Possable that Casks may be prepared

[Chas Blake Queens Town to Gov. Lee] October 9

Sir I rec'd yours of the sixth of this instant this day. I have purchased near 3000 bushels of Wheat about 200 pounds of bacon 3 barrels of Pork and about 20 head of good beefs. I have purchased almost all the wheat at sixty dollars the bacon and Pork at the remitted price and the beef at ninety pounds p^{r} hundred the best terms I could gett it on, wheat had been rais'd here by M^{r} Hutchings to 25 pounds; and after that I could not gett a bus: under that price, and y^{r} orders to gett it on the best terms I could and Col^{o} Hindman being enabled to give that has obliged me to offer the same. part of the wheat is now going to Elk and the bacon and Pork, the rest shall be sent as soon as possible. I shall be glad of a farther supply of Cash, to enable me to go on tho' not yett quite without. very little of the wheat has been purchas'd at more than sixty dollars; If I am not to give what is offer'd by others please to say in my next; I shall not exceed 25, till orderd by you, as I think that too much tho' it may be wrong therefore hope you'll send me an answer soon.

[Rich'd Conway Alexandria to Gov. Lee] October 9

Sir This will Inform you that we have four Pieces of Common Cloth Sutable for Soldiers of a Blew Colour and Good, which you can have on the same Terms you have the other Goods. they have been Packed up Carefully this several Days, in four Boxes and four Bales. the Amount is £83829..18..9. I will send you the Bill of Parcels the first Safe Oppertunity. you must let me know Immediately if you take this Cloth

We have Expected wagons every Day for your goods they still lay in my Store and if the wagons is not come away when this Reaches you they had Better come Directly to Clepards ferrey we have Desired M^{r} Rozer if they come to his house to send them to the ferry.

[Benj Mackall, 4th, Calvert County, to Gov. Lee] October 9

Sir I have this moment rec^{d} yours of the 6th Instant; and must beg leave to inform you, that in consequence of a Bilious Fever which I have had for a considerable time past, that it was not in my

October 9 Power to make out and deliver to the Sheriff the Executions for recovering the 15 ℔ Cent so soon as the Act of Assembly required. Mr Gray, who will deliver you this, can inform you why the money hasn't been collected since he recd the Executions. I have received upwards of two thousand pounds. 1500 of which was paid for a Recruit, and some of the rest for removing the Arms from the lower part of the County, and sending a Deserter to Anns but that none of it has been applied in procuring Provision I believe a considerable part will be, as soon as the Sheriff can begin upon his Collection

October 10 [V. & P. French and Nephew, Bordeaux to Gov Lee]

Sir Though we have not the honor of being known to your Excellency we take the freedom of addressing to you under the auspices & at the desire of our old most ℔ticulard friend & Correspond Mr Stephen Steward, West river, relative to a bill of Exchange No 1 drawn by your State on Messrs Osgood Hanbury, Silvanus Grove & James Russell State Agents in London for. £1500 stl. Pursuant to our friend Mr Steward's directions we got it presented as quick as possible by very ℔'ticulard friends of ours in London Messrs French & Hobson, & wrote ourselves at same time to the above three Gentlemen who unanimously refused accepting & accordingly we now inclose you the Protest, their answer to our letters we have in Cource forwarded to his Excellency Benjn Franklin Esqr to whom we also had the honor of Corresponding on the occasion, as well as with Wm Carmichael Esqr & the other Trustees, in short your Excellency may depend thr we spared no pains in our power in order to procure payment for said bill, as we sho'd most Certainly have had great pleasure in giving you the utmost satisfaction in the management of yr business & Convincing your Excellency the great attention we shall pay in executing my orders confided to our Care by you & the members of the State we hold ourselves ℔'ticularly obliged to our good friend Mr Steward for having procured an opportunity of addressing to you

October 10 Red Book No. 30 Letter No. 4 [Geo. P. Keeports, Baltimore, to Gov Lee]

May It Please Your Excellr I Received your Two Letters of the 7th Instant By Capt Carlisle with £62..10. New Omission I Presented The Order you Inclosed me to Mr William Smith who Informs me he sent all the Linnen and Shirts he had purchased off for Philada By The Last Packett. He has Desired some person to Purchase Linnen for him in Virginia he says the First he Can Get he will Deliver me

October 10 Red Book No. 5 Letter No. 87 [Geo Plater, & J. Henry Philadelphia to Hon John H. Stone Esqr. Annapolis]

Dear Sir We had the Honor of your favour by the last post. The Act of the State of Pennsylvania for prohibiting the importation

of provisions is continued for six months and from thence to the End of the next setting of the General Assembly. The Act continuing the Embargo is in the enclosed paper to which we have the Honor of referring you. Red Book No. 5 Letter No. 87

For the news of the Day we must refer you to our letter to the Governor and Council.

[Rich'd Conway Alexandria to the Council] October 11

Gentlemen You have here the Bill of Parcels of the Goods Sold you the first Instant and a few other Articles that Partly Belong to them. the lineing for the Broad Cloth, Silk for D° white yarn Stockings Threads for the Oznaburgs and Other lining to Day Col° Fitzgerald Informs us the Soap and Ravens Duck is wanted, am Sorry we could spare But Six Pieces of Duck, our Commissioners has Just Taken 25 Pieces at the Price your Six is Charged at, the Soap is Carried out at the same Advance of all the Other Goods p^{r} Agreement

N. B. the Ravens Duck is Packed up in a small Mat

[John Fitzgerald Alex'a, to Gov. Lee] October 11 Red Book No. 23 Letter No. 7

Sir I this day rec^{d} your favor of 7th Ins^{t} The Goods are sent over the Ferry by the Gentleman whom you have sent to take charge of them, the Soap & six p^{s} of Ravens duck are added

As I understood the Waggons are without covers I am apprehensive the Goods may receive Damage but hope the weather will continue fine

[L. Master, Baltimore, to the Council] October 12

Gentlemen I beg leave to represent to Your Honours th^{t} I have not been able to get my Mast from the Carpenters before this afternoon & shall (if the weather will permit) get it up to morrow: this delay of the Carpenter renders it absolutely impossible to be ready to sail on Saturday therefore beg your Honours wou'd indulge me with a few days more. I this day had some conversation with M^{r} Hughes the Commissary about paying me for the Expences of the Prisoners &c who said he had had no orders from Your Honours on that Account therefore hope your Honours will be so good to give such directions as you shall think requisite for without it I dont know how I can leave the State having spent what money I brought with me

[H. Hollingsworth Head of Elk to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee In Council] October 13

Gentlemen I wrote you the other day regarding the Horses forty of which I have here yet on hand, they are very Ordinary, old and in

October 13 bad order, very Breachey suppos'd to be the very Pick of the State for Roguery, I have endeavoured to get them Pastured to no purpose, no person will take them and be accountable for them, I have pastured them myself untill they have broke into my neighbours and my own Cornfields, and done much Damage, which I am Obliged to pay for on account of the state, and can no longer trust them out of the Stable, even in the day time, as my pastures are all eaten up, and almost all my Hay, I must intreat therefore that I receive some instructions regarding them, so that I may get Rid of them, and would advise the selling them, as few of them will ever be fit for service, and the Forage they have already consumed is very considerable, and in a short time will be worth more than the Horses, have inclosed extract of a letter from the A. Q Master General to Colo. Forrest regarding the certificates, which I apprehend will be a very sufficient Excuse for my Issuing them, shall bring down the Original with me when I come, which shall be as soon after the Assembly sits as in my power;

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No. 26
Letter
No. 55

[T. Donellan Baltimore to Gov Lee]

S^r^ I have your commands of the 12^th^ Inst. To forward all the Flour in my Possession to the Head of Elk w^ch^ shall be diligently attended to, but as you make no distinction, must beg to be Instructed whether or no I must send that which has been or may be Condemned by the Inspector on acco^t^ of its being sour & musty.

October 14

[V. & P. French & Nephew, Bordeaux, to His Excellency Gover^r^ Lee]

Sir Though we have not the honor of being Known to your Excellency we take the freedom of addressing to you under the Auspices & at the desire of our old most p'ticular friend & Correspondant M^r^ Stephen Steward, West-river, relative to a bill of Exch^ge^ N° 1. drawn by your State on Mess^rs^ Osgood Hanbury, Silvanus Grove, & James Russell, state agents in London for £1500. Pursuant to our friend M^r^ Steward's directions we got it presented as quick as possible by very perticular friends of our's in London, Mess^rs^ French & Hobson, & wrote ourselves at same time to the above three Gentlemen, who unanimously refused accepting & accordingly we now inclose you the protest, their answer to our letters we have in cource forwarded to his Excellency Benjamin Franklin Esq^r^ to whom we also had the honor of Corresponding on the occasion, as well as with W^m^ Carmichael Esq^r^ & the other trustees, in short y^r^ Excellency may depend th^t^ we spared no pains in our power in order to procure payment for said bill as we Sho'd most certainly have had great pleasure in giving you the utmost Satisfaction in the management of this business, & Convincing y^r^ Excellency the great attention we shall pay in Executing any orders confided to our care by

you & the members of that State; We hold, ourselves p'ticularly obliged to our good friend M^r^ Steward for hav^g^ procured an opportunity of addressing to you how sincerly & respectfully we are Your Excellencies Devoted H'ble Servts. October 14

P. S. You have Copy of William Carmichael Esq^rs^ Letter to us relative to the bill of £1500 & also M^r^ Russell of London's answer, as yet we have no answer from his Excellency Benjamin Franklin Esq^r^ to whom we have wrote a Couple of Posts ago on the occasion, In course you'll hear of our success.

The p'test for non Accep^e^ of the State of Maryland's bill p £1500 & we Inclose to our friends Mess^rs^ Steward & son p the Sloop Porpus, Cap^n^ W^m^ Weems the Talbot, Cap^n^ Frazer has been unfortunately taken by the Casberus & Crescent frigates & Carried into Plymouth.

State of Maryland the 26^th^ day of July 1780 July 26

Pursuant to an Act of Assembly entitled An Act to enable the Treasurer of the Western Shore to draw and sell Bills of exchange, and for an emission of bills of Credit, if necessary.

Exchange for £1500..0..0 Sterling N° 1

At forty days sight of this my first of Exchange second third or fourth of same tenor and date not paid pay unto Stephen Steward & son or order the sum of Fifteen hundred pounds Sterling money of Great Britain and place the same to the Account of the State of Maryland without further Advice Thos. Harwood Treas^r^

To Messieur Osgood Hanbury Sylvanus Grove and James Russell in London or William Carmichael Edmund Jenings, Joshua Johnson Jonathan Williams and Richard Bennett Lloyd, or either of them Trustees for the State of Maryland pay the order of V & P. French & Nephew value in Acco^t^ Stephen Steward and Son pay to Mess^rs^ French & Hobson or order value in Acco^t^ Bordeaux the 16^th^ Sep^r^ 1780. V & P. French & Nephew.

On the Twenty sixth day of September 1780 at the request of Mess^rs^ French & Hobson of London merchants I Benjamin Hammatt Notary Publick dwelling in London duly admitted and sworn Exhibited the Original bill of Exchange above Copied to M^r^ James Russell of this City merchant, one of the Trustees for Maryland, and demanded Acceptance thereof, who answered for himself and the other Trustees in London, that the said Bill would not be accepted. Whereupon I the said Notary at the request aforesaid have and do hereby Solemnly Protest against the Drawer of the said Bill and all others concerned for all Change Rechange Costs Damages and Interest already Suffer'd and to be Suffered for want of Acceptance of the said Bill.

July 26 Thus Done and Protested in London aforesaid in the presence of Matthew Brown & James Gale witnesses.

In Promissorum fidem Benj[a] Hammatt Not. Pub[t]

October 15
Brown Book
No. 7
Letter
No. 50

[Diego Joh. Navarro, batera de Havana to Gov. Sen. Tomas Sim Lee, Govor. del Estado de Merilandia]

Mui Señor mio: Poi la muy apreciable carta de VS. de 27 de Junio ultimo reconosco la verdadera inclinacion que debo al Estado de esa Provincia de que VS. es cabeza, pues por el ambio de las Harinas conducidas en el Bergantin el Fox su capitan Santiago Buchanan como por lo que me ha significado el Sôr Roberto Dorsey, no me gueda la menor duda

Correspondiendo Yo á tan singular demostracion he contribuido á que se satisfaciesen las Harinas al mas alto precio del corriente, y se franguease al Sôr Dorsey quanto ha sido graciable y creo segun indica que esta satisfecho. Lo unico que me ha sido sensible, y expongo á VS. en ahono del buen proceder de este cavallero, es que asi por livertar de que cayese en mano de los Enemigos el expresado Bergartin como por que otros razones indispensables de utilidad comun á las Potencias que oy procedemos contra la Gran Bretaña no me ha sido posible permitir su salido hasta aora sin embargo de las justas protestas que me ha hecho el comisionado á quien he ofrecito daria á VS. los motivos de su detencion para asegurar su conducta, y para que VS. se sirva como se lo fido satisfacer á los interesadoes quienes no dudo me hagan lo Justicia de creer que á no mediar tan poderosos motivos como los explicados jamas habria procedido á detener el Bugue guando solicito agradarles.

Con este motivo me ofresco á la disposicion de VS. con deseos de exercitarme en su obsequio pidiendo tambien á Dios que su Vida S.S. M.A.

October 15
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 57

[Joseph Dashiell, Worcester, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I am Call[d] on by your Excellency and Council to make a return of all the provision and my acco[t] and send them by Sum of the members as I am return'd for this County I think myself Oblidge to take my Seat in the House, and should have Indevoured to have bin up the first Day. But never Could get the Cattle forward till the Day before yesterday when I sent Ninty Six head forward which is all I Could procure I shall be up by this day week with all the acc[ts] in Order to have the [m][a]justed and if Convoy was sent Down in the Interim I should send forward all the Corn and Salted provision

N B A quantity of Corn now Shipt in pocomoke that is a healing and must Be Landed if we have not a Convoy as the Enemys are Determin'd to have that provision

[Rich'd Dallam to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] October 15
Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 56

Sir The Bearer John Garreguies A Recruit I enlisted for the 8th Regt has due to him fifteen hundred Dollars in part of A Bounty of two thousand which I engaged to pay him & not having it in my Power to raise the money Your Excellency will be pleased to order him payment for the above sum of fifteen hundred Dollars

[Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore, to Gov Lee] October 16
Red Book No. 29 Letter No. 9

Sir Inclosed is a return of the Provisions purchased & received by me in this County which is trifling indeed. Mr Smith & Mr Mathews hath been constant purchasers of flour since my appointment and had greatly the advantage over me by having it in their power to advance the Millers considerable sums of Money to enable them to purchase wheat by which means they engaged all their flour whilst I was barely enabled to purchase out of the few waggons that came in from the country none of whom will yet take the new Money

In my letter to your Excellency of the 7th Inst I mentioned that if there was any quantity of Beef to be bought at this place it was high time to begin the purchase. I must again take the liberty of reminding you that the Season will very soon be over for grass fed cattle. I could contract for several parcels now but doubt my being able to do it on the same terms after this week.

Mr Smith has about 1000 Barrels of very good Bread which he would sell and I have spoke to several of the Continental officers who all agree that the Soldiers would be very well satisfied with it, this would afford an immediate supply if wanted

[Richd Dallam, Harford County to Gov Lee] October 16
Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 58

Sir I am informd that a Number of the Horses bought by Mr Lee & Mr Wheeler are sent Back not being wanted at Elk & that they are now at Public Expence As I shall have occation for One or two Teams to haul flour & wheat. If your Excellency thinks proper to give me an order for what Horses I may want I will fit up a Waggon or two this I have thought will be a saving to the State as the Horse while at worke will be but little more Expence then if Idle, & therefore have thought Proper to mention it

[Thos Richardson, Georgetown to Gov Lee] October 16

Sir Agreeable to your order of 6th Instant I now enclose you a Return of the provisions I have obtaind since my appointment which were all purchased, the smallness of the Quantity is owing to my not being supply'd with a sufficient Quty of money at first & since to the dislike the People have to the money of the late emission, I hope the Assembly will fall on some means to give it a Circulation, otherwise

October 16 very little provisions can be procured with it. I am not able to foot the amount of my return as I have not settled the price of the Beef from Mess^{rs} Murdock & Baley,

October 16 [Joseph Ford, Leon'd Town, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I have sent Under care of M^{r} Robert Greenwell Fourty Four Steers Agreeable to the Return Coll. Barnes will Deliver your Excellency.

I have not money sufficient to carry them to the Head of Elk have therefore directed M^{r} Greenwell to call on your Excellency for a Supply, I've furnished him with seven Hundred Dollars which was all the Continental currency I had. I have not Received the money for the Orders I had on the Collectors, by Three Thousand Pounds or I could have forwarded them without Troubling your Excellency. I have given an order on the commissaries Between this and the Head of Elk to furnish them with Provisions and forage but as your Excellencies would be much better I should be Glad of it.

October 16 [Baruch Williams, Cecil Coty, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir At the request of Col^{o} Thompson I have to inform you that William Mahoney & Charles Shirkey two of the Recruits for this County are now in Carlile Goal in Cumberland County, this information comes by a man who took them up & delivered them to the Goaler in their rout to the back woods. It is probable that they will be discharged unless sent after soon. By this Conveyance the Governor receives a return of recruits in this County

Note You have here inclosed the Enlistm^{ts} of Sundry recruits sent to Chester which perhaps may be wanting also two Certificates from Col^{o} Dallam the Enlistm^{ts} of those who are in this County & Deserters before Ordered to Chester Town are not sent & stil in the hands of the Lieut^{t}

October 17 [Baruch Williams, Cecil Co'ty to Gov. Lee]

Sir I Inclosed you my returns of Provision for this County yesterday, and on recollection an addition is wanting to the account of £5 p^{r} B^{ll} also the freight from Susquehanna to Elk, which is not in my Power at this time to ascertain a further account of which I will transmit you next week with a few Beefs

October 17 [Ben Stoddert Secry, War Office, to His Excellency Thos S. Lee, Esqr.]

Red Book No. 7 Letter No.208

Sir Col Rawlings at Fort Frederick has orders to call in all the Prisoners in the neighbourhood of his post, & in future to keep them in close confinement, as the greatest evils have been experienced from a contrary conduct

Return of Purchases made by Thomas Richardson in Montgomery County for the State of Maryland

of whom Purchased	Bacon p	Bacon lbs	Pork bbls	Dryd Beef ps	Dryd Beef lbs	Wheat Bus.	Cattle		
Sundries	19	251½	....	..	....	.....	.....	.....@60/	754..10
Tho. Richardson & C°	..	....	2	..	....	.....	.....	.....@£375	750..—
Thomas Johns	..	....	....	7	63	.....	.....	.....@60/	189..—..—
Sundries taken in at Newport Mill	..	....	....	..	....	2506¼	.....	.....@£22..10..5	6390..12..6
ditto taken in at M^r Jn° Laceys Mill	..	....	....	..	....	211¾	.....	ditto	4764..7..6
ditto rec^d in Geo. Town	..	....	....	..	....	110	.....	ditto	2475..—..—
Col° Murdock	..	....	....	..	....	.....	4		
W^m Baley	..	....	....	..	....	.....	2		240
Archibald Orme	..	....	....	..	....	.....	1		
	19	251½	2	7	63	2828	7		

N. B. from the above Wheat 179 Barrels of Flour is already manufactured & packed

Red Book No. 7

The board have also directed that about 100 prisoners at Winchester in Virg[a] be sent to Fort Frederick.

In consequence of these orders, the prisoners will accumulate on Col Rawlings hands, & he probably will have occasion to call upon your Excellency for an augmentation of his guard, & for Provisions, in which case, the board take the liberty to require that the necessary assistance may be afforded him.

The Commissions for the Maryland Line will be forwarded in a few days.

October 17
Red Book No. 7
Letter No. 58

[Ephraim Blaine Philadelphia to Pres. Huntington]

Sir Permit me thro' your Excellency to remind Congress about the Supplies of our Army which gives me much real concern and uneasiness, they are not fed from day to day, and scarcely a week has past this three months that they have not been one or two days wanting either Bread or Beef.

Your Magazines are now destitute of Flour, Bread, Beef, Pork, Fish, Salt, Rum and none upon the continent to my knowledge can furnish one days Supply. The States of New hampshire and Massachusetts bay are our principal dependence for Beef, the French being stationed at Rhode island has deprived the Agent of that State from giving any Assistance; indeed he is hard put to it, to find the continental troops on that station & the State officers of Connecticut told his Excellency Gen[l] Washington at Hartford that lit[tle] could be expected from that State. I have no relief from the State of New York for the main [army] they have not been able to furnish their frontier [posts] with beef. I have had frequent applications for supplies and they have actually had two or three hundred head of Cattle from the Com[ee] of Massachusetts bay. Jersey can furnish but little Beef and not a large quantity of flour. their quota of supplies must be furnished between this and the first of J[anuary?] I believe there is not above one quarter of the[ir supply] of meat due. Pensylvania as yet have delivered very little flour, no salt nor do I know of their having any Cattle. Sickness prevented my going to the State of Delaware & Maryland, therefore can't inform you what is done in those places. The enclosed copies of Letters will shew you the situation of the southern department. Major Forsyth my deputy I expect him every moment who will give you further information

All the Garrisons and posts in the middle department are destitute of provisions, and no means in my power of relieving them. The season is now advanced and passing, in which quantities of beef ought to be procured and laid in at those places, otherwise the troops must disband for want of subsistance.

I am distressed to think how the Army is to be kept together thro' the winter. it will be impossible without large quantities of Beef

is laid in upon the North River contiguous to West point, and at the Magazines in Jersey. there is a very poor prospect at present, as the daily support of the Army leaves none for that purpose. The supplies of fresh meat must undoubtedly fail in the winter, and without large Magazines of salt meat are procured in due time the Army cannot be fed. those are matters which require immediate consideration & if delayed may be attended with the most serious consequences, which cannot be remedied. October 17 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 58

There are large demands against me since last Spring and early in the Summer. part for the seizure of Rum by order of his Excellency Gen[l] Washington at the time when our Army marched from Morristown against the Enemy [then] in Jersey, which he gave me express Orders to settle and pay for. All the persons, receivers of cattle and Butchers who are in my employ with the Army, have received no pay since my entering upon the business of the department. those with the former sums will amount to two hundred thousand pounds, which I beg & request Congress to enable me to pay, without which it will be impossible for me to stay in Camp.

Since the month of July and last of September in the vicinity of the Army, and Garrison of West point there has been seized from Sundry persons above twelve thousand Gallons of rum, and orders and Certificates given upon me for payment. the people are very importunate for their money and give me great trouble. What can I do with them under present circumstances? The want of rum in the Army causes great uneasiness among the soldiery more particular when there is the least scarcity of provisions and the consequence of not having a regular supply, causes seizures and those generally at thirty or forty ℔ cent above the price it might be procured at.

[Ben Stoddert Secy. By order, War Office, to His Excellency Govr Lee] October 17 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 188

Sir The reasons which induced the board to direct the march of the new raised reg[t] of Maryland, by Alex[a] Charlotteville &[ca] having in a great measure subsided. It is submitted to your Excellency, whether it will not be best for you to pursue the original intention of Gen[l] Washington, & direct the March of the Troops by such route, as you shall Judge most convenient.

[John Cockey, Baltimore County, to Gov. Lee] October 18

Hon[rd] Sir I Rec[d] y[rs] the fifth Instant, to make Return of horses and waggons procur'd by purchase & Otherways.

I have Rec[d] from the Nonjurrers of Baltimore County Seven horses by Purchase I have three horses & one waggon and gears Complete I Could have purchas'd almost any Number of horses if

October 18 I had money I have not Rec^{d} any money from the Collector as yet five thousand five hundred & fifty Pounds is the Cost of three horses with the waggon & gears I have had them all Shod and Ready for service should be glad to know where to send them furnish me with money and will Engage to buy any Number of horses and waggons without there none to be had.

October 18 [Henry Hooper, Dorset Co^{ty} to His Excellency the Governor in Council]

Sir On the 26th of July last I transmitted to your Board a List of all the Recruits raised and Deserters taken up at that time in this County in Virtue of an Act passed the last Session I have since appointed recruiting Officers in each Hundred to procure Recruits for such Classes as had failed in getting Substitutes at the time limited by the Act but without any Success there not being a Single recruit enlisted by any of them to this time.

I have advertised agreable to your Excellencys Order in Council of the 21st August in order to inform the persons who compose those Classes which have neglected to find Recruits and for which no Recruits can be obtained that they might discharge the 15 p^{r} Cent in wheat at 60 dollars p^{r} bushell and have just now called on the Commissary of this County who informs me that there has been no wheat offered to him by any of them.

The whole of the Class money which I have received amounts to £16..15..0. I rec^{d} your Excellencys Order some time ago to transmit you an acc^{o} of the Arms Ammunition and Accoutrements in this County belonging to the State. It is realy out of my power to make this return at present, The Depredations of the Enemy in several parts of this County have occasioned so many Calls upon me for Arms and Ammunition and of course such a Distribution of them, that I cannot ascertain the Quantity we have but believe it to be the Quantity return^{d} in a List to the late Gov^{r} Johnson in Council, except 12 or 14 muskets ab^{t} 50^{lt} gun powder, some Lead Cartridge boxes and Canteens which were since consumed by fire in the Magazine at New Market; what arms we have are in good repair but from the Situation of this County we are realy in want of two or three hundred Stand more and some Lead

October 19 [Nath'l Potter to Gov. Lee]

Sir Inclosed you will Receive an account of the Little wheat I have Collected for Assesments and on purchase I am sorry to inform you that it has not been in my power To Collect more as the people in General will not trust the publick and when you Sent money for the purpose of Purchasing beef it happened to be of the Emission

which is in Low Creditt with us. I have only purchas'd four good Steers and Could prevail on the person to take only Cash for two of Them and Certificates for the Other two I have the promise of a few more if I Can prevail on them to take the new money when Done I will Drive them to the head of Elk which I must do myself as I Cant Gett a man to do anything for the new money. Not one pers[on in th]e County offered any beef for assesment Part of the wheat is manufactur'd and should have been sent away before this but the talk of the Refugee Crusers has prevented our Craft from Going out however it shall be sent away in a few Days from this when I Gett the Cattle and flower away I intend To Annapolis when I hope to be able to Give you a more perfect account of my proceedings and hope to be able to inform you on what terms pork may be had. October 19

[Henry Shryock, Hagers Town to His Excellency Thos Simm Lee] October 20

I Rec^{d} your Excelencys Leter Requesting Me To Make Return of the Number of Horses Peerchased By Me am Exceading Sory that I Must Inform your Excelency that I Have Purchased But three for I find that I Cannot Purchase Good Horses without Money there is Non ofers for Sale onless ould or Low In flesh the order your Excelency sent Me on the Colecter of this County I Rec^{d} But have Not Rec^{d} one Shilling Naighter Can he Give Me any Encoregment untel he Colects the Next assesment

[Pat Sim Smith, Calvert to Gov Lee] October 20

Dear Sir Inclosed is the most accurate Account I can at present render of my purchase of provision in this County, I'm sorry it has been delayed so long but t'was not in my power to prevent it.

The purchase is all in wheat, there was no Salt provision to be had, and I could not engage Beeff on the Hoof for want of Cash. indeed the price asked was such that I could not make a Contract without further Instructions. there is more wheat to be purchased had I cash to pay for it, but fear I shall not have enough to comply with the Contracts already made the Collectors falling short some fifteen hundred pounds of the order I had on them

The account now sent I hope will be Sufficient at this time, twill shew the Quantity of wheat purchased & in what manner, which I suppose is all thats required. I shall be happy in carrying your further commands

October 20 D[r] The State of Maryland. For provisions purchased in Calvert County.

1780	Bush[ls]	
To wheat purchased of Sundry persons & now at Col[o] Fitzhughs Mill to be manufactured	118½	
To ditto ditto not certainly known but is	100	
To ditto purchased & to be collected by Col[o] Fitzhugh p Contract	155	
To ditto purchased & now stored on the Bay at M[r] Sam Chews	89	
	462½ @ £22..10..	£10,406.. 5..0
		£10406.. 5..0

October 20th 1780

1780 By Certificates paid Sundry persons for wheat to be discounted in assessments	£3519..13..0
By receipts given to Sundries for wheat for the 15 p cent by order of the Lieutenant of Calvert	1347.. 2..9
By cash paid Sundry persons	3959.. 0..0
By Balance now dew to be paid in Certificates & Cash p Contract	1580.. 9..3
	10406.. 5..0

Errors Excepted
Pat Sim Smith, Commissary

October 20 [George Dashiell Somersett County to Gov. Lee]

Sir Yours of the 6th together with a letter from Col[o] Stone of the 4th Inst I rec[d] p[r] M[r] Bennet, and agreeable to request have sent the Copies of the several rolls of militia in this County, this being the first oppertunity which has offered since the receipt of your letter. Inclosed is a list of recruits raised and deserters Apprehended in Virtue of the Act for raising recruits &c Their enlistments I sent your Excellency by Capt. Robert Dashiell at the time the recruits went up. I have rec[d] £13.000 of the 15 p C[t] Your order in favour of Col[o] Joseph Dashiell for £10000 is paid. I have issued warrants for the Class money to the Amount of £20,000 and shall warrant for the residue immediately I have agreeable to the direc-

tions of the Act appointed recruiting Officers. And am enabled by the 15 p C^{t} to give as high as £1500 for recruits but am sorry to inform your Excellency that I have no reason to believe I shall be able to procure a single recruit. I have inclosed Col^{o} Waterses Commission he has resigned it in consequence of his residence in Baltimore. Major Bruff has also resign'd and alledges his inability to do duty as the cause. I believe he is very infirm and not equal to the task. I have mislaid his Commission which prevents my sending it by this oppertunity. Those Gentlemans resignations leaves Col^{o} Hayward without the assistance of a field Officer he has recommended M^{r} William Waters (of W^{m}) (who was before the present regulation of the militia, a major to his battalion) to supply the place of Col^{o} Waters, And Cap^{t} Thomas Irving That of Maj. Bruff, I am of Opinion that them Gentlemen will be as suitable to supply the vacancies as any in his battalion. And Request the favour of your Excellency to order the Commissions to be made out for them, And Delivered to Col^{o} Dashiell he has promised to convey them to me, by the first Oppertunity. I am under the necessity of Continuing a part of the Militia on Duty to prevent the ravages and insults of our Enemies. My Duty requires me to say something of the situation of this County but as I intend to Annapolis in a few days shall postpone it until I come up. October 20

[Joseph Ford Leonardtown to Gov Lee]

October 20
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 134

Sir I Herewith send your Excellency Returns of all Purchases made by M^{r} Sims my appointment as Commisary. the Sickly situation of my family and self for some time past and the Unexpected Trouble with the Steers, Bucking them to the Rode, Put it out of My Power to comply with Your Excellencies Command by the 17th Ins^{t} out of the fourty Eight then Returned four was Strayed before I parted with them, & I have heard of one more since, they were So ungovernable at first, that I had some doubts whether I should get any of them away I expect with the Strays to make up about Thirty Steers in Ten day There will be but little Pork to be had here this fall would it be adviseable to contract for a Quantity of Barrel Staves and Heads I have Shipt off about half the Bacon I Purchased, Craft is so Difficult to be got, that I cannot say when I shall be able to get of the Ballance.

The People who I owe Tobacco too for Horns are now constantly Teasing me for it, I should be Glad to discharge their Debts. A good Crop of Indian Corn made with us.

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Letter
No. 135

A Return of Beef on the Hoof Purchased by Joseph Ford Commissary of Purchases for S[t] Marys County from the 5[th] till 14[th] Oct[r] 1780.

Dates Oct[r]	N° Vou	Vouchers name	N° steers	Supposed Weight	Rates New Dollars	Rates on old Money		Whole amount Old money			Whole amount New money		
5	1	John Smith	2	1000	5½						20	12	6
6	2	Basel Smith	1	400							8	5	0
8	3	John Tarlton	1	320				250	0	0			
	4	Hanson Briscoe	2	800	6						18	0	0
9	5	James Mills	2	650	5½						13	8	1½
10	6	John Eden	2	800	ditto						16	10	0
13	7	Luke Mattingly	2	800		82	10	660	0	0			
14	8	Col. Richd Barnes	36	13850	5½						285	13	1½
			48	18620		82	10	910			362	48	9

Errors Excepted October 20[th] 1780 Joseph Ford Com[ry] of Purchases

Then Came Joseph Ford Before me one of the Magistrates for S[t] Mary's County and made oath on the Holy Evangelist that the Above Return is Just and true as it stands Stated

Sworn before Henry Reede

October 21
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 59

[T. Donellan, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

S[r] Since I Received your Excellencys Commands of the 12[th] Inst. have forwarded to the Head of Elk 345 Barrels of Flour to be delivered to Co[l] Hollingsworth and this day shall Ship about 200 Barrels more which will be about the whole of what I have thats fit for the Army.

Can't get the Damaged Flour Baked for want of Ship Stuff. I made application to M[r] Calhoun to purchase some for that purpose & he tells me that he waits to know your Excellencys pleasure on that Head about w[ch] he writ you some time past

October 21
Red Book
No. 7
Letter
No. 197

[Ben Stoddert, Secry, War Office to Gov. Lee]

Sir The inclosed is a copy of letter from Gen[l] Washington of the 17[th] inst[t] It seems to be more than probable that the embarkation therein mentioned, is destined for the southward. And there appears to be a necessity that the reg[t] of your State should be forwarded on as soon as possible. The board request you will be pleased to inform them, whether it marches by the upper or the lower route, & when it will leave Annapolis

The board, yesterday ordered 50 Tents to be sent on to Anna[s] & as the clothing must have arrived before this, it is hoped, as soon as the Tents are rec[r] the Troops will be able to move

[Jas Calhoun Baltimore to Gov. Lee] October 21

Sir Since my last to you of the 16th I have purchased seventy Barrels of Flour and could have got as much more if I had been able to pay for it but am intirely out of Continental money and the Millers will not take the new Emissions of 1 for 40 until I get a farther supply

I have received but about £22.000 for the whole of the orders you drew in my favour and am not likely to get much more for the Collectors say the greater part of their Collections is either in Certificates or new money, Captn Saml Godman, refuses to pay the order drawn on him alledging, he has an Accot against the State for the hire of a Vessel. It was not in my power to present it sooner as he has been abroad ever since I got it until within these few days. If it is in your power to send me a supply of Money please do so as this is the best season to make purchases flour begins to come in tolerable plenty & now sells at £70 ℔ Ct

[Moses Rawlings Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esqr.] October 22

Sir I have the honour to beg Your Excellency, would have the men forwarded to fort Frederick, as a guard to the British prisoners.

For I am apprehensive there will be some Difficulty in geting the Militia in Time, I think there men will answer for garrison Duty.

[Geo. P. Keeports, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee] October 22
Red Book No. 30
Letter No. 2

May It Please your Excellr I Received your Letter of Yesterday By Lieut Plant and Thirty pounds of the New Emission I have with some Dificulty made up The Articals you Wrote for By Purchase, Borrowing and some on Credit

There is About Three Hundred Blankets Expected in Town to Morrow The Price will be About Four Hard Dollars on The Exchange I cannot say any Thing About The Quality or Size. If they are Wanting you will Please to Give me Instructions About them I have Engaged The Refusal of Them and Must Give an Answer Soon

[Joseph Ford, Leonard Town, to Gov. Lee] October 23
Red Book No. 26
Letter No. 136

Sir I Received a letter Signed by Mr Johnson Your Excellencies Clerk wherein he mentions Inclosing Two Orders on the Collectors of this County which I never Received I suppose they were mislaid I made a mistake in adding My Returns of Wheat Bacon &c of £1000..0.0 which I hope may be Rectified

October 24 [Job Garrettson to Gov. Lee]

Applies for shrievalty of Baltimore County. On the next day, W^m^ Spear recommends him as an "industrious man, a man of property and a true Whig."

October 25 [Jas Calhoun Baltimore to Gov Lee]

Sir I received Your Excellencies Letter of yesterday as also that of the 19^th^ p Lieut Plant inclosing Notes for 40 H^hds^ Tobacco which I have not yet been able to dispose of at your limits.

M^r^ Smith asks £80 p C^t^ for the Bread one half at least payable in Continental money the other either in the 1 for 40 State or Continental Emission but as I could not engage to pay him in that way have declined the purchase until I receive your farther orders. the reason why he will not take the whole in the new money is because he wants to lay it out in flour & the Millers and Farmers will not receive it

I shall purchase the Ship Stuff for M^r^ Donnellan the moment it is in my power, but until I get a supply of circulating cash either by the Sale of Tobacco or in some other way it will be in vain to attempt it, a Miller who I had persuaded two weeks ago to take £25 of the 1 for 40 money returned it to me this day declaring he could not purchase a single Bushel of Wheat with it

October 25 [Benj Cawood Jr. Charles County to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee, Esqr.]

May it please your Excellency; The Bearer M^r^ Duncan Carmichael has been in my Custody as Sheriff of said County about three months, Committed as one of General Burgoynes Convention Troops who made his escape from the Barracks in Virginia as he says with the only intent of Going as far as Frederick Town, their to be imployed in the Branch of Business he was Taught up to, in Order that he might be doing something for himself untill he was Legally exchanged, and from the Behaviour of the man since in my Custody, I veryly believe it to be the Truth, in Consequence thereof shou'd be thankfull if in your power you will Grant him his Liberty within this state, on his Parole, until an Exchange shall take place.

October 25 [E. Finley, Camp near Hillsborough, to Colo. Forrest.]

Sir I take the liberty from my former acquaintance with you and your General character, to recommend Six men of Capt Dorsey's company of artillery (who have been discharged) to your Continuance and direction, in their Applications for what arrears of pay and cloathing are due to them, and for which they have certificates.

I believe I apply to you in this Case very much out of your Depart- October 25
ment. But I have been so long absent from the State, That I really do not know the different departments, or who is at the head of each, and I am at present so circumstanced that I can get no information.

I beg you will excuse the trouble this application may occasion you. The men are really worthy men and have behaved themselves particularly well as Soldiers. On this Account I am anxious that every Justice possible should be done to them

[Edwd Cockey Baltimore to Gov Lee] October 26

Sir There are several Commissions wanting for the Officers of my Battalion, Cap^{t} Henry Howard has Resigned and Informs me that he has given up his Commission to Your Excellency, Beg that you will be pleased to Commission the following Gentlemen as officers for that Company, Joshua Marsh, Capt. William Ensor first Lieut. Aurthor Chineworth Secon^{d} Lieu^{t} and James Hooper Ensign. And also Commissions for the following Gentlemen, as officers for Capt. John Cockey's Company, who has resigned, and has not acted for some time; Benjamin Talbott Capt. Vincent Talbott first Lieut Thomas Chineworth second Ditto and Philip Pearce Ensign. Likewise Commissions for Officers in Capt. Luke Wyley's Company who has been Dead some time, Vz. Rich^{d} Cromwell Cap^{t} Walter Bosley first Lieu^{t} W^{m} Lane second D^{o} and Nicholas Stevenson Ensign.

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to His Excellency The Governor Lee] October 26
Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 60

(Circular) Sir Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed the Copy of an Act of Congress of the 24 Instant, directing that the Commissary General make accurate Returns to Congress of the supplies furnished by each State since the last Day of December last, and that the State Agents transmit to the Commander in Chief & the Commissary General respectively, monthly returns of all the Provisions which shall be drawn into their Hands specifying the Articles & Places where they shall be deposited and also earnestly recommending to the several Legislatures to enjoin it as a Duty on their State Agents in such Manner as to enforce a punctual Obedience.

I am also directed to transmit you the enclosed Copy of Col. Blaine's Letter & Papers to which it refers, and to request the serious Attention of the States to the present wants & Distresses of the Army & the most efficacious means in their Power to furnish the supplies requested with unremitted Attention

October 2
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 60

[Richd Dallam Harford County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I am just Returnd from forwarding to Elk forty nine head of Cattle which has taken me up near two weeks to purchase & Collect it so imployed my time that I have not been Able to compleat my returns, but having the Cattle a Way I shall send my accounts in a very few days. As they want very little more then an examination from me. I hope they will not be too late to give Satisfaction

The Greatest part of my Purchase has been made in hard money to be paid at the exchange with Continental & have been obliged to pass my notes & Bonds, for payment The Cattle of this County are not by any means fatt. I got the best I could, A number yet remain that I may purchase with Cash. but do not believe I could get at any Price on Credit as many more in this County therefore if more must be got I must be supplyd with money

I would be more perticular In giving your Excellency further information but M^{r} Paca waits & he can tell how much I am Hurryd & Fitigued with this Business.

October 28 To his Excellency the Governor, his Honourable Council and the Honourable The Senators and Delegates for the State of Maryland.

Memorial of Legh Master, Captain of a Flagg of Truce, lately arrived from New Providence with Thirty three prisoners of Warr, humbly sheweth.

That your Memorialist, on the Voyage from Providence to Baltimore, sprung his Mast, lost his Top Mast Steel Ankor and Cable; and while lying at Ankor in the Bason at Baltimore, some person or persons unknown, Stole and took away his long Boat. That getting in a New Mast &^{ca} hath been the only means of detaining him longer than he expected, or even intended. As soon as the Vessel was fitted your Memorialist applied to Daniel Hughes Esq^{r} commissary of Prisoners, who at Two several Times, order'd on board the Flagg Ten prisoners to return to Providence with. Your Memorialist asked M^{r} Hughes how much provisions he wou'd be allow'd to take for the said Ten prisoners, and his people, who replied, that your Memorialist must have a full sufficiency, but did not direct the quantity. your memorial^{t} begs leave to remark, that he expended a large quantity of Provisions, in bringing the Thirty three prisoners from Providence, which cost him there upwards of one Hundred Guineas, for which he has not been reimbursed, nor received any Satisfaction. The great uncertainty in what Time your Memorial^{t} wou'd be in making the intended Voyage (having once been upwards of five Weeks from the Capes to Providence) ventured to give orders to his man, that had the care of his Vessel, to take in Ten Barrels of Ship bread, of one hundred pounds each, Fourteen Barrels of Flour, one Hogshead & one Barrel of Beef,

besides three Barrels of Apples, three Barrels of Cyder, about October 28
Twenty pounds weight of Butter, six small Gammons, fourteen Tongues, and one Box of Soap, also about Two Tons of Pigg Iron for Ballast, every of the said Articles (Soap & Tongues excepted) your Memorialist, had brought from his own Plantation. The man who had the charge of the Vessell, having many Errands, on shore about the Vessell's materialls, directed one of the Prisoners (that was to Act as mate) to take in and Stow the Bread & Flour. it appears upon searching the Vessell, that he had taken in Six Barrells of Flour more than your Memorialist had directed to be put on board. That when your memorialist waited upon his Excellency the Gov^{r} & Council, to the best of his knowledge (having lost or mislaid the paper) he had directions to take on board, Four Barrels of Flour & Four Barrels of Beef, without any mention of Bread, which your Memorialist apprehends was forgot, at that Time, did not expect the prisoners wou'd exceed five in number. But on having Ten prisoners put on board, was the only reason, why your Memorialist, order'd the Twenty four Barrels of Bread & flour to be taken in, and the Quantity of Beef is not more than what his Excellency the Gov^{r} & Council & allowed for Five men. On Thursday the 26th of Oct. 1780 your memorialist order'd the Sloop, to fall below the Point, expecting to sail the next day: but was stopp'd by Thomas Sollars Esq^{r} the Naval officer, who told your memorialist, he had information, that Eighty Barrels of Provisions was on board the Flagg and on searching the Hold he told your Memorialist, that he had counted, Thirty Barrels of Bread & Flour, upon which he order'd the Flagg sloop along side of a Vessell, commanded by a certain Cap^{n} Allen, & believes, he gave him charge of her, for on Friday the 27th of Oct. 1780 in the morning, the said Cap^{n} Allen, sent his Hands & took away the long Boat, from the said Flagg and in the afternoon of the same day, Thomas Sollars Esq^{r} in C^{o} with M^{r} Askquith (his Deputy) & the said Cap^{n} Allen, came on board the Flagg, and made a formal seizure, put the broad Arrow upon, and intirely disposessed your Memorialist of her, and remanded the prisoners back to Gaol, researched Her, to see if every thing was in the same State as the preceeding night on overhauling the Hold, Two negro men, was found there concealed, how, or when they came on board, is intirely unknown to your memorialist, as will appear by his Affidavit, hereto annexed. Your Memorialst humbly hopes, that his Excellency the Gov^{r} his Council & the Honourable Senators & delegates will take this matter into, their most serious consideration and when they are convinced of the great expence, Risque & Trouble, your Memorialist has been at, in bringing the prisoners in perfect Health and safety from Providence to Baltimore, they will be pleased, as soon as possible to give orders for his Vessell and such quantity of provisions to be restored to him, as

October 28 they may Judge sufficient for the intended Voyage, as your Memorialists, affairs at Providence require his immediate presence, And further humbly hopes that any thing, that has been done, thro' inadvertinency, will not construed, to be done with design or intention of Injuring The Country, Your Memorialist, having not only, a very considerable property in this State, but has with great Labour almost Perfected a Scheme, that will, if adopted, be of the utmost consequence, to the Welfare of this State and the whole Continent of America

Baltimore County in the State of Maryland Js[t]

Befor me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for said County Voluntarily came Legh Master and made Oath, that the Two negroes found in the hold of his Sloop Experiment, was there without his Knowledge privity or consent, & further declareth, that the orders he gave David Turner, (the person who had the Care of the Vessell) was to take in Twelve Barrels of Bread & Twelve Barrells of Flour, but reflecting that it wou'd be better to have Two Barrells of Flour more than Bread, he order'd the said David Turner to return Two Barrells of Bread & take out Two Barrells of Flour instead thereof, and that he never intended, to put on board any more than the above Quantity; nor was it ever his desire or intention to secret or convey away any Negro or Negroes & further saith not. L Master

Sworn to and subscribed the 28[th] day Oct[r] 1780 before Ja[s] Calhoun

November 9 The answer of Leigh Master to the Libel or Bill of Complaint of Thomas Sollers, Naval officer who prosecutes as well for the State as himself, saith that thirty three Americans, Prisoners of War whose Names are Specified in a List annexed to the Passport or safe Conduct hereafter mentioned were detained as Prisoners of War in New Providence one of the Bahama Islands that your Respondents friendly Disposition towards America added to his Desire to relieve the said Prisoners from the Calamities of Captivity and the Importunity of some Americans residing in the said Island induced him to solicit John Maxwell Esq[r] Governor & Commander in Chief of the Bahama Islands to grant a Flag of Truce to your Respondent to Carry the said Prisoners to Baltimore in North America and receive such British Subjects as should be delivered in Exchange therefor. That the said John Maxwell in Consequence of your Respondents application on the twenty third day of August in the Year Seventeen hundred and Eighty granted a Flag to your Respondent for the above Purpose that your Respondent was Sole Proprietor of the said Sloop Experiment and at his own private expense fitted out the said Sloop and purchased Provisions for the Subsistance of the said Prisoners from new providence to Baltimore

and expended near one hundred Pounds Gold Currency on that Account. That your Respondent with the said Prisoners on Board the said Sloop Experiment sailed from the Island of New Providence on or about the twenty third Day of August in the year aforesaid and arrived at the Port of Baltimore on or about the fourteenth day of September last. That it was the Intention of your Respondent to Stop at Annapolis and communicate the Business of the Flag to the Governor of the State but your Respondent passed the said Port of Annapolis in the night without knowing it and was prevented by his Vessel being light and having sprung her mast from returning. That your Respondent on his Arrival at Baltimore went ashore and Carried his Flag & his Commission to M^r^ Daniel Hughes Deputy Commissary of prisoners that the American Prisoners were set at Liberty and Your Respondent Confined to the said Sloop by the Order of Col^o^ John Steward as Commanding a military Officer then in the said Town of Baltimore that your Respondent was released from his Confinement & permitted to go to Annapolis to represent the Business of the Flag to the Governor & Council. November 9

That the Governor & Council were of opinion your Respondent had obtained a Flag of Truce from the Governor of New Providence in the Manner and for the purpose herein set forth and permitted your Respondent to refit the said Sloop Experiment and to take in three Barrels of Meat and three Barrels of Flour for the Subsistance of four persons besides your Respondent which number was deemed sufficient to Navigate the said Sloop from Baltimore to New Providence. That your Respondent understood from the Conversation that passed in Council at the Time the said permission was obtained that in case your Respondent could procure British Prisoners in Exchange for the American Prisoners brought to Baltimore that he would be allowed a further Quantity of Meat and Flour according to the above Proportion of three Barrels of Meat and three Barrels of Flour for every five men taken on Broad the said Sloop that M^r^ Daniel Hughes Delivered to your Respondent ten British Prisoners to be Carried to New Providence and your Respondent took a further Quantity of Bread and flour for the Subsistance that the Bread & Flour Shipped on Board the said Sloop with the privity & Consent of Your Respondent and by his Order did not in the whole exceed fourteen Barrels of Flour and ten Barrels of Bread.

That your Respondent has not been reimbursed any part of the sums of Money expended by him in the purchase of Provisions for the use of the American Prisoners brought to Baltimore nor allowed any compensation for his Vessel that your Respondent has not wilfully Violated the Flag nor committed any Act which he supposed Contrary to the Intention thereof and if there has been any Irregularity in his manner of proceeding. It cannot justly be ascribed

November 9 to Design or any Sinister Motive in your Respondent Your Respondent therefore prays that the said Libel or Bill may be dismissed and that the said Sloop Experiment may be restored to your Respondent and be permitted to return to new Providence with the British Prisoners he hath Received in Exchange according to the Intention of the Flag.

On the 9th Novr 1780 came Leigh Masters before me the Subscriber One of the Justices of the Peace for Baltimore County and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the several Facts Contained in the aforegoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge

Sworn to before Andw Buchanan

October 28 [Chas. Blake, Corsica, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I wrote yr Excel. the 9 of this instant when I inform'd you that I had between 2000 and 3000 bus: of Wheat 1779 of which are gone forward. Mr Hutchings and others raising the markett here to 25 pounds and yr Ex. instructions to Colo Hindman have obliged me to do the same; my Cash is now all out, and I would gladly wait on yr Ex: if the particular situation of my Family did not forbid my being absent at any distance I shall be glad to have by the first opertunity a farther supply of about 2000 pounds. In yr last you desir'd to know in what manner the wheat had been procur'd it has been chiefly purchased by me, Mr Hemsly by whom this comes will inform you of what has been procur'd by the 15 pr Ct and for the tax I have only recd six beefs and 9 bus: of Wheat every one chusing rather to pay Tobo I shall in a few days send of a drove of beef all purchas'd (but those mention'd) at 90 pounds pr Hundred.

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Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 61

[Richd Dallam Harford County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir Herewith I have sent Returns of the Militia of this County Returns of the Recruits enlistd & deserters taken up of the money received from Persons of those classes which did not procure Substitutes & what I have paid thereof, for Recruits deserters &c Also Returns of what I received of the Tobacco Tax & the sums for which I have given Cerftificates under the Law for an extra Supply of Provisions and Also Returns of the Certificates I have given for Provisions obtained & Freights &c under the Law appointing Commissioners to procure an immediate supply of flour &c for the Army

I have Likewise sent A Return of Stores I have forwarded since last fall I should Also have sent A General State of all my Accounts but being still in debt for my Purchase last fall & not having money

to pay I cannot call on Millers and Others for settlements The Accounts I have heretofore furnished will show that a considerable sum is due me thereon therefore it cannot be thought I keep my Accounts back because of monies in my hands Your Excellency I know is fully satisfyed that I can have no such design The Returns of Stores delivered may satisfye other Gen[l] that I could not purchase them with the money supplyd me. The wheat delivered me on account of Taxs has been Received in so many different Mills that its scarce worth grinding until further Quantities can be procured Your Excellency may be assured I will not delay it longer then I think for the Public good. I mentioned some time agoe that I had delivered in M[r] Hutsons Mills Quantities of wheat the flour of which I could not obtain The matter is yet unsettled & I have no expectation of geting the flour but by a corse of Law I wrote Attorney General on the subject but received no directions how to proceed to recover it. October 28 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 61

Our Farmers are sending their Wheat to other Maketts for cash and therefore I have little hopes of obtaining any Quantity, this distresses me especially as your Excellency seems to put dependence on this County for considerable supplies for the Army I have done everything in my Power to procure Provisions but having lost my Credit with the People on acc[t] of bad payment It has answered no good purposes therefore I have thought the Appointment of some other person of Cappetal might tend to Public advantage As I have no wish to continue longer in office then while I render real Services to the Public

I hope my Returns tho: late will give Satisfaction

S[r] The Express I employed to forward dispatches agreeable to Your Excellencys orders is draneing on me for money and says he cannot any longer Ride as he cannot get Cash to bare his Expences I have furnished him with New money but it will not pass. Please inform me what is allowd for Express riding and enable me to pay if Possible. I have not a Dollar that will pass I would goe down to inform your Excellency of my distress but have neither money nor Cloths to make my appearance with at Annapolis Postscript November 1 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 61

[Conrad Nichodemus, to Governor and Council] October 28

[Resigns captaincy in 2[nd] Battalion, Washington County Militia and recommends Martin Billmeyer as his successor.]

[Uriah Forrest to Gov. Lee] October 29 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 154

Sir Duty, together with a desire of doing a public Good Induces me to address your Excellency Relative to the great Injustice done those men who have served faithfully the full Terms of their Enlistments and have been regularly discharged from the Army.

October 29 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 154

You are well informed that these men have procured proper Certificates of the Pay and Cloathing due to them Respectively, notwithstanding which, they have not been able to obtain either, nor can they get informed when or where they will be able to get any kind of Satisfaction. There are not less than 300 under this description, within the present year, who, after making application, without effect, to the Board of War, to your Excellency in Council, and to me as the Commanding Officer within this State, have retired to the different Counties, very much dissatisfied and, I cannot help observing, with very just cause.

This has not only had the unhappy effect to prevent these men reengaging themselves, but has Influenced those with whom they Associate and are acquainted. It being the opinion of your Excellency's Council that, there is no Law which would justify their doing justice to these Men, I have, in behalf of them to pray, that you will be pleased to represent their situation to the General Assembly, who I am Sure, will do them Speedy and Ample Justice, by ordering them to be paid the full amount of pay and cloathing respectively due, and the amount thereof, charged to the United States.

October 31 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 63

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia, to His Excellency the Governor, Lee]

Sir By the Act of Congress of the 30th Instant, herewith enclosed, your Excellency will be informed that Majr Genl Greene is to take the Comand in the Southern Department; and you will also receive the necessary Information of the Powers & Instructions given to him by Congress; and that it is earnestly recommended to the Legislatures & Executives of the several States, from the Delaware State to Georgia inclusive, to afford him all necessary Aid & Assistance.

October 31

[Chas Blake, Corsica, to Gov Lee.]

Sir I wrote yr Excell. by Mr Hemsley informing you of the quantity of Wheat sent off, since which I have sent off 400 bus: more. I am now out of Cash and the circumstances of my Family will not permitt me to come over for a supply, but hope yr Excell: will send it soon, and in case the Assembly do any thing to give the New Money Credit I shall want a much larger Supply than I have had yet I suppose about £3000; but since the arrival of some Gent. from Baltimore I have been refused some parcels of Wheat contracted for before. Mr Hemsly will know of yr Excell. whether he can gett Continental money for some beefs I am to have of him they are exceeding fine. I hope as soon as the Assembly do pass any act about our money I may be inform'd of it that the People may put some faith in it. I shall this week send off 400 or 500 bus.

more. I hope to have a supply very soon no wheat to be had under £25 part of what is gone I have got at that price and some yet to go that was got at 22.10 October 31

[William Smallwood, Camp New Providence to Gov. Lee] October 31 Brown Book No. 2 Letter No. 73

Sir Since my Last Nothing material has occurred except a Great Scarcity of Provision. Col° Polk has not even supplied the Regular Troops. Our principal Subsistance has been brought in by Detachments, which they took from the Disaffected who have gone over to the Enemy, and I have now not less than Two Hundred Men employ'd on that Duty which is the only prospect of supplying the Troops till the Late Provision Act for collecting the specific Tax in Provision is more effectually carried into Execution, which I fear at last will not afford an ample Supply; in addition to what Purchases can be made. Forage is also much exhausted, and cannot long be procured for any considerable Force, Plundering prevails to an amazing Degree by Persons who go under the Denomination of Volunteers. Your Proclamation restraining these infamous Practice, and offering Terms to the Tories, before they obtain Intelligence of the Enemys Landing in Virginia, might have as I wrote you before a Salutary Effect. The British two Days ago were encamped at Lee's Mill, said to be fifteen Miles below the Cross Roads. From this place, Roads lead to the Westward Congaree, Charles Town, and Camden, from which no just Conclusion can be drawn of their Destination, or Views. I shall be happy to see you on with the Continental Troops as soon as they can be equipped. The Present Aspect of our Affairs seems inauspicious. The Enemy's late Descent in Virginia, together with our defenceless Situation and want of Resources, is truely alarming. Pray what has become of the French Fleet? unless something is to be expected from them, our Situation must become ineligible. General Sumpter lies high up on the South Side of the Catawba, he writes me his Number is very inconsiderable; the Georgians have not join'd him as he expected. The other Party, who defeated Ferguson, are dispersed and gone Home, except the Escort with the Prisoners. You will be so obliging to continue to forward any further Intelligence you may receive respecting the Enemy, or other Material Transactions

N B. Axes and intrenching Tools are much Wanting

[Jno Reid Fort Frederick to Gov Lee] October 31

Sir I would thank Your Excellency to give Capt. Jacobs an order on M^r^ Muir for Cloth enough for a Suit of Cloaths for myself & Officers being much in want & will very much Oblige

October 31 [Moses Rawlings Fort Frederick to Gov Lee]

Sir I have the honour to Inform your Excellency that I have at this time about 400 prisoners, in this Garrison, and Expect 200 more Daily, so that with the guard the Issues will Exceed 600 Rations p^{r} Day, and I have not at this time on hand more Provisions of the meat kind then will serve them one month from this date, and Dont see any Likelyhood of geting any more without tis in your Excellencys Power to furnish me with a sum of Continental Currency The new Emission I brought from Annapolis I cannot pass any of it in this part of the Country, our Collector Cant pay me any of the order I have on him at this time as he has no money in his hands, and Indeed he Expects when the next assesment is due that the people will pay of Chiefly in Certificates.

The winter is now approaching fast and there ought at the least be one hundred Thousand weight of beef Laid in at this Magazine If I had at this time a sum of money I Could buy a great many Cattle, but the Time for buying will soon be over, the Purchases ought to be Compleated in three weeks from this, I know the scarcity of Money & am sorry to ask it, but Necessity oblidges me, I Leave your Excellency to Guess my situation with this number of Prisoners without Provisions.

I am in great Distress for Money to pay of Waggoners wood Cuters Carpenters, for flour Barrels and to buy Forage for the waggon horses.

I have the pleasure to inform your Excellency that I have receiv^{d} for the Last Tax upwards of 3000 bushels of wheat and about 4000 weight of Flour, tis not at this time in my Power to send an Exact Account, as I have Two or three Mills in the upper part of this County that I have not had an oppertunity to procure the returns from, but shall send them by the next Letter.

Agreeable to Y^{r} Excellencys Request I have bought Linen for Cap^{t} Reid & his officers, and also Linen & Stockins for his Soldiers. I should be glad to be inform^{d} what a soldiers pay is monthly, Cap^{t} Reid would be much oblidg^{d} to your Excellency for an order on the Clothier for a suit of Cloaths for himself and officers, if obtain'd Cap^{t} Jacobs who will have the honour to Deliver this will bring them who will also wait your Excellencies Commands to me, I hope y^{r} Excell^{cy} will order up them Soldiers you were Speaking off to act as a guard at this post

November 7
Red Book
No. 28
Letter
No. 86 [John Schly to His Excellency and the Hon^{ble} Gentlemen of the Council]

I have lived in Charlestown South Carolina almost 9 years and belong to the Company of German Fuziliers one of the 13 Com-

panies of the Towns Militia composed of all ranks of People by Trade or rather Art, high Varnishers of Coaches Charriots &c and all sorts of mahogany furniture in Gentlemens houses where I was employ'd until the last and this summer in which space of time His Excell: John Rutledge Governor of the State of South Carolina which His Excell^{y} Thomas Bee, Lieut^{d} Governor of the said State well knows emploied me for the use of the Public to examine in the interior parts of the States of South and North Carolinas different sorts of Ores as Lead, Copper, Silver &c in which I was very successfull in finding two very rich Silver mines besides Lead and Copper Mines containing a good portion of Gold and Silver, And as my Pass was no further limited than the aforesaid States dated the 27th of Feb^{ry} 1780 at Charlestown the same day I left it and went up into the back woods of North Carolina where I was near 2 months and was Returning home to give His Excell: an account of my Success I was credibly informed at a 770 miles distance from Town that the Enemies took possession of it, and that His Excell: was at Campden so I was resolved to follow Him but could not overtake him, where I was informed he left the place 12 days ago, in this extremity I was resolved to follow to Philadelphia as I was not willing to join the Enemies in Charlestown having taken the oath of Allegiance and Fidelity in the year 1778 the 15 of April then proceeded through Virginia till I came to Oldtown in Washington County still in searching of mines where I was taken up by James Prætor brother to Charles Prætor a Justice as a Spy for no other reason than the writing I had about me which are the Mens names in different place that knows of mines which I could not possibly retain in my memory those they were pleas'd to call Torys Cap^{t} Richard Davis son To Colonel Davis without the least provocation knocked two of my Teeth out after I was a prisoner, handcuffed me and took down to Hagerstown where I was threatned to be hang'd or put in Goal and other threatning speeches, if I do not inlist during War and so was compell'd against Law to submit, being a stranger and a man of 57 years of age dim sighted that can not properly distinguish an object at a distance of 60 or 70 yards and received no more than £300 I humbly pray Your Excellency and the Hon^{ble} Gentlemen of the Council to take my cause into consideration to grant me a Discharge or a Furlow to go to Philadelphia where I must give an account to Their Excellencys the Delegates for the State of South Carolina or His Excell^{s} Lieut^{t} Governor Bee of my success

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I am with the utmost respect Your Excellencies and the Hon'ble Gentlemen of the council and devoted servant.

November 1

[Jon. Hudson Balt. to Gov. Lee]

Dear Sir I am Extremely in want of Eight Thousand Pounds Continent[l] Money for a perticular use in Annapolis, you will oblige me very much to pay M[r] Hammond that sum on acc[t] of the Blankets sold the State last Spring the New Money will not suit the person it is for tho I have taken it freely here, but it now begins to be hard to Pass it as the Country People Refuse it on all occasions, Your favouring me in this matter will much oblige

November 1
Red Book
No. 26
Letter
No. 62

[Richd Dallam Harford County to Gov Lee]

Sir This day John Taylor Esq[r] member for this County made me a Tender of upwards of two thousand pounds in discharge of his Bonds Given the Commissioners for the building a Court House &c in this County for money he had Collected in 1775 or 1776. I could not agree to receive the money & give him the Bonds.

And as he has calld on the Commissioners to meet on the first day of Dec[r] for the Purpose of taking the depositions of the persons Present at the Tender he has made I have thought it my duty to inform your Excellency it being a Public Debt, that I may have directions what we are to do in it. If Your Excellency does not think Proper to give directions on the Subject Perhaps the Gen[l] Assembly now Sitting will take some order to prevent public debts and Private from bein paid off with the Present money

November 4
Red Book
No. 28
Letter
No. 82

[Robert Slater To his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire Governor of Maryland, and the honorable Council]

The petition of Robert Slater humbly sheweth, That your Petitioner has for a number of years been a Resident of Baltimore town in the State of Maryland, that one of his Daughters about ten or Eleven years ago intermarried with a certain William McCarter of Newcastle County in the State of Delaware, where they resided for a few years but the said William McCarter removed to the Town of Baltimore aforesaid, and from there to the City of Philadelphia about five years ago, where he lived until some time after the City was evacuated by the British Army, when he removed to New York leaving his wife & Children, two Daughters Infants behind him. Your petitioners Daughter with her Children, then came to him at Baltimore town, where the Children have remained ever since. The mother about two years ago went into New York with Intent, if possible, to prevail on her Husband to come home, but has not returned. McCarter & his wife are desirous that their Children should be permited to come to them and for that purpose wrote your petitioner a Letter by Col. Ramsey when he last left New York

Your petitioner conceiving no Injury can be done to the common cause by permitting the above mentioned Children go to their Parents, neither of whom exceed eight years of Age, humbly solicits permission of your Excellency and Honours to send them under the Care of a certain Mary Wilson, a native of Ireland, aged about fifty years, who is desirous of returning to her native Land. Your petitioner would willingly carry them to New York himself, but his Circumstances are so circumscribed that he is not able to do it at his own Expense, nor is he able to entertain them any longer without distressing his own Family, he therefore hopes his Application will have the desired Effect. And he as in Duty Bound will pray &c. November 4 Red Book No. 28 Letter No. 82

[Chas. Blake, Corsica, to Gov. Lee] November 4

Sir I this day have engaged three hundred bus. of wheat from M^r^ Sewel at 25 pounds and to pay Tob^o^ at 50 p^r^ C^t^ and 30 dollars for the Cask, if y^r^ Excell: can furnish the Tob^o^ I shall be glad of a farther supply of Cash as soon as possible as I am now out and nothing to be done without it. If y^r^ Excel: intends to have pork purchas'd here it will be necessary to send the Salt soon. The pork has hitherto been spoilt for want of that necessary article in time.

[Henry Sheaff To His Excellency the Governor of Maryland in Council] November 7 Red Book No. 28 Letter No. 81

The Memorial and Petition of Henry Sheaff of Baltimore Town. humbly sheweth; That your Memorialist's Wife, now with him in this State, hath an aged and infirm Parent, in the City of New York, whose Anxiety once more, to see his only child and Grand Children has been many Times expressed by Letters and verbal Messages, in some of which, he has expressed a desire, personally to make a Donation of what Property he is in possession of to his Grand Children.

That your Memorialist's principal Dependance for a decent and ample Provision for his Children, is on the Promises of his said Wifes Father, to give them so much as will, with prudence and careful Management put them in a Situation above the prospect of Want.

Your Petitioner therefore prays, that your Excellency, and the Honorable the Council, will take his Case, and the situation of his Children into consideration, and, if it is thought to be no detriment to the Interest of the United States, or this State in particular, to grant your Permit to Mary Sheaff and her two Young Children, to go into New York, for the purpose of visiting her Parents, who are declining very fast into Evening of Life, and to return again into this State. If it is deemed necessary, any Security that may be required by your Excellency and Council, will be given, that no Injury shall be done, through such Permission, to this, or the United States.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &^ca^

November 8
Brown Book
No. 8
Letter
No. 5

[Horatio Gates Guilford Court House to Gov. Jefferson]

Sir My Letter of the 3^{d} Ins^{t} to your Excell^{y} own'd the Receipt of yours of the 28th Ultimo. I marched the 6th Instant, with all the Cavalry that were fit to move, from Hillsborough; and that Day received the enclosed Letter of the 31st Ult^{o} from General Smallwood. I apprehend the Tardiness of Colonel Polk in supplying Provisions, must be occasioned by the Delay of Payment, my Bills in his Favor, have met with. I hope to see him in a few Days; when all the Encouragement in my Power shall be given him, to continue his Services, in supplying Provisions to the Army. The Moment I join the Troops to the Westward, and Know with certainty the Movements of the Enemy, I shall consult with the Rest of the General Officers; and determine the future Operations of this Army. The Maryland Regiment under the Command of Colonel Williams, will reach Salisbury Tomorrow, but the Most of the Virginians Eighteen, Eight Months Men, and Militia; are left under General Stevens at Hillsborough to be arm'd and accoutred, and in some Degree equipp'd before they can march from thence. Axes, and Intrenching Tools, I must beg your Excellency will forward to us, with the Utmost Dispatch. Instead of Thirty Horses, which your Excell^{y} inform'd me, were to be sent to Hillsborough for the Artillery: only Nineteen arrived, and those very bad, and poor. I entreat you will order the Deficiency to be immediately supplied.

November 8
Brown Book
No. 8
Letter
No. 10

[Horatio Gates Guilford Court House to Gov. Lee]

Sir President Stone's Letter of the 5th of last Month, came to my Hands, only the Day before Yesterday, I am astonished at his saying, that my Letter of the 5th of September, was the First Intimation given your State, relative to their supplying the Southern Army when the Resolves of Congress of * 17th June 1780 are so plainly evinsive of the Contrary. These Sir, might not have been received by Your State; and I can no other Way Account for the Assertion in M^{r} President Stone's Letter.

The Exact Return of the Maryland Troops was forwarded by Colonel Williams to Your Excellency, under the Care of Captain Clagett about a fortnight ago

The inclosed Copies of Letters to Governor Jefferson, and that from General Smallwood will inform Your Excellency of the Present State of Affairs in this Department, which I must request your Excellency will, with a Copy of this Letter forward immediately to Congress.

* That the Monies raised for the use of the United States in the State of Maryland and the States to the Southward thereof be appropriated to the supply of Military Chest and Exigencies of War in the Southern Department until the Further Order of Congress.

[Joseph Wilkinson, Mouth of Potomack to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee]

Thursday Night November 9
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Letter No. 27

Sir I have this moment the Honor of receiving your excellencies Letters of 8th Instant prior to which I had ordered such part of the Militia on duty & at such places as appeared to be the most necessary, and agreeable to your orders shall continue so long as their appears a necessity. The enemy came into Patuxent River on Sunday evening last in force, from the best Intelligence I can collect, three arm'd Schooners one with 8 and 6 & one 4 Guns supposed to be 3 & 4 Pounders Swivells & small arms. they proceeded up as far as Point Patience about 4 miles up the River, and there landed & took possession of Mr John Parrans house where they brought their Cannon & continued there till Tuesday Morning Sun rise when they Burnt the House & furniture & went on board after taking several negroes & what stock they cou'd collect, which was but little, & took two Vessells loaded with Tobacco about 80 hhds. they then proceeded down the River opposite to Col Fitzhughs, where they sent a flagg on shore requesting a supply of fresh Provisions, that they meant to do no damage on shore if comply'd with, their request was rejected, upon which they immediately Cannonaded the House & in a short time sent two Barges on Shore with about forty men under their Cannon & Burnt the Colonels House. they then proceeded a few miles out of the River where they still continue. I have appointed Guards both on the Bay & River & have taken every precaution I can to prevent their Landing & doing further mischief. I wou'd on their landing advised you but Colonel Fitzhugh informed me he had sent an express for that purpose.

I am to inform your Excellency that while the enemy lay up the River that James Lawder a son of the Revd Mr Lawders. and a Andrew Willson formerly a Taylor in Baltimore Town, & tis said an old offender, went on board of them without permission & continued with them one night under a pretence of looking for negroes & on their return the next day pretended they were forcibly detained, from many Circumstances it appears that they gave the enemy such Intelligence which liked to proved very serious by the Capture of our Guard, they are now in Custody, time would not permit of any thing further being done but shall immediately deliver them over to the Civil power.

[Dan'l Jenifer, Stepny, to His Excy Thomas Sim Lee]

November 9
Red Book No. 22
Letter No. 7

Sir When I was at Annˢ some of the Council were mentioning something about Barrels but did not tell me the N° they wanted me to procure, there is a Gentleman in Port tobacco who has a Cooper and Staves ready seasoned, I shall therefore be glad to be informed by your Excellency, if they must be set about, indeed there will be

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many wanted for the holding of fish in the Spring I expect to be able to send the cattle spoke for to Annapolis next week.

November 9 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 5 Read and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the letters of General Washington

[Sam Huntington, President, In Congress, Philadelphia, to His Excellency Gov. Lee]

Sir Fully convinced of our inability to obtain the grand object of the federal Union without the vigorous exertions of the several States we have thought it our duty to make the requisitions contained in the enclosed resolutions; and we wish our constituents to be impressed with the necessity of a Speedy and punctual compliance. For although by the blessing of Providence we have been conducted thus far in a war with a powerful and enraged Enemy yet the wants of the present year have not enabled us to speak the language of triumph. This indeed may be attributed to a variety of causes, but we cannot refrain from observing that the unpunctuality of the States in their Supplies of men, money and provisions is not one of the least.

It is unnecessary to point out their wants and distresses. They are too well known, too generally felt. Hitherto the war has been carried on principally by Emissions of paper money, This being depreciated and congress having in compliance with the general inclination and voice of their constituents resolved to stop farther Emissions, we are compelled to call upon the States for taxes and specific supplies.

An opinion seems to prevail that foreign loans can be obtained, and we perceive with regret that some are disposed to place too great reliance on this resourse. Duty compels us to be explicit with our constituents on a Subject of such interesting importance. Every effort has been made for the purpose of procuring loans; but without sufficient Success to justify a relaxation of our own most vigorous exertions.

It is to be observed that a powerful armed neutrality appears to be formed in Europe determined to support the freedom of Commerce. Should overtures of peace be the result of a convention of the neutral powers, is it not our Interest, is it not our indispensible duty to be prepared for such an Event? Our object is of the greatest magnitude the security freedom & Independence of the United States: and experience evinces that no nation can promise itself a safe and honorable peace, which is not in condition to maintain a war with vigor. We are confident there is no want of ability in the States to do this. Can Arguments then be necessary to call forth every internal resourse which may contribute to put a happy period to the war? Is it not high time to expel from our country an Enemy whose progress is marked with blood & desolation and whose successes inspire them only with redoubled vengeance?

The Estimates may appear large but we conceive them to be absolutely necessary. To the utmost of our power we have endeavoured to correct abuses in the public expenditures. We have called for the aid of the respective Executives. Again we recommend this Essential object to their attention. Nothing on our part shall be wanting which may contribute to promote the strictest ecconony in dispensing the Supplies now required. November 9 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 5

We have only to add our Earnest desire that no time may be lost and should the legislature of your State not be in Session on the receipt of this letter that it may be immediately convened.

[Don'l Yeates, D. Q. M., Head of Elk, to Gov. Lee] November 10

Sir Major Gen[l] Green called on me in his way to your city and after leaving me Orders for the executing some Interesting business relative to the supply of the Southern Army; he desired me to make you Acquainted with my situation, in relyance of your Aid and support; the bussiness being executed in due time; being dependant on my gaining the timely supplys to enable me to forward such Stores as are ordered, I wish to communicate to you my present Situation in regard to the Waggon and Pack horse department; on which the bussiness of Posts under my care materially depends; if I don't mistake the matter in the requisition of supplys from each State; there is required from this State, in forage fifty six thousand one hundred and fifty two Bush[ls] of Indian corn, and two hund[d] Tons of hay; I don't find there is any provision made by the State to supply the Hay after informing you I can't gain or procure money to purchase this Article owing to the present exausted State of the Public funds, I am Possessed w[th] some Certificates under the late regulation of Congress; which from their principals of equity between the Debtor and Creditor in the payment of the contract; I apprehended I could make some purchases on, but from the present Ill temper of the People w[th] Public Contractors they are not of use to me; I have now at this place a Considerable number of draught and Pack horses; and have not an ounce of hay to support them, am also scant of Short forage, no grain being sent me from this State since I have been at the Post, and have rec[d] but little from Col[o] Hollingsworth and not any Hay some few days ago I was at the Port of Baltimore there was none there (a little excepted supplyed on M[r] David Poes own Credit) this situation being continued but a little time at this Season it will render the horses unserviceable to business, from Gen[l] Greens Orders I am hourly in expectation of the Arrival of Military Stores at Christiana bridge which I am directed to forward immediately if I can get the supplyof hay from the State some of it being ordered with dispatch will be ascentially Serviceable to the Public bussiness, the Hon[ble] the General Assembly being

November 10 now sitting I am in hopes of your Aid in this interesting Circumstance

P. S. the forage rec[d] from Col[o] Hollingsworth was that which was on Hand when I came to the Post, it would be very acceptable if some of the Bran of the wheat now manufacturing for the State could be spared me in lieu of Indian Corn at such an Allowance in measure as will be an Equivalent

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Letter No. 63

[T. Donellan Baltimore to Gov. Lee]

S[r] I have your Excellencys Commands to Issue Provisions to the Militia of this County & shall pay due Attention thereto, but must request to be Instructed whether or no I am to Consider them as in the Continent[l] Service or separately in the Service of the State

The Continental Ration is only one pound of Flour, one pound Fresh or ¾[lb] Salted Provisions & no Liquor allowed only on some particular occasions.

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[Nath. Greene, Annapolis to Excellency Gov Lee.]

Sir The dispatches which I delivered your Excellency from the Commander in chief of the Armies of the United States, and others which I presume have been forwarded from Congress, will inform you of my appointment to the command of the Southern Army.

The situation of which, from the force of the Enemy and the fugitive war which has been carried on in that quarter for some time by the Militia, is truly alarming. The efforts which the Inhabitants are making to prevent the further encroachments of the enemy deserve the most speedy and effectual support as well from principles of humanity as those of sound policy. Unless they are soon succoured and countenanced by a good regular force their distresses will inevitably break their spirits and they will be impelled to reconcile themselves to their misfortune; than which nothing can be more fatal to the happiness and independance of these States. It is much easier to keep up an effectual opposition in these States while the tide of sentiment is in our favour than it will be to secure the remaining states from the enemies farther encroachments after these are subdued. There is no alternative but base submission, or an effectual prosecution of the war. The horrors of one and the blessings which will result from the other cannot admit of a moments hesitation in our choice. But in vain shall we contend unless we raise, cloath & equip a regular army. The mode to effect this is not for me to point out but if a draft could be once accomplished, it would damp the hopes of the enemy more than ten Victories. Congress in order to reduce our national expence, and proportion the demands for men [upon the several] States, to the strength of the enemy & the present plan of the war, have made a large reduction of the Regiments.

Unless those which are now required are filled up to the full establishment no effectual opposition can be made; nor can I pretend to be responsible for consequences without it. November 10 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 21

Nothing on my part shall be wanting to discharge the duties of my command as far as my abilities shall extend or the means put in my hands are competent to the end. But without support I see myself devoted to ruin and the Southern States to subjection. And I wish these that now seem at a distance from the scene of operations may not rest in the shadow of security untill the ravaging hand of war begins to spread desolation and horror within their jurisdictions. I flatter myself as well from the past conduct of the Legislature of this State, as from the assurances of the Committee of the two houses, who did me the honor of a conferrence this morning, that they are actuated by too just principles and [have] too clear a view of their own situation to need arguments to induce them to give all the aid in their power.

I do myself the honor to enclose your Excellency a request for some supplies which are absolutely necessary for the establishment of the Southern Army, and which I wish to be laid before the hoñble the Senate and the House of Delegates; and doubt not their ready compliance. In this persuasion I shall proceed to the Army, having instructed General Gist to wait upon your Excellency and take your orders from time to time relative to the several matters contained in the requisition

[Requisition made by Gen. Greene to the State of Maryland] November 10 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 20

1st That the State complete their five Regts of Infantry agreeable to the establishment made by Congress the 21st September as soon as possible.

2dly That they cloath, arm and equip them fit for actual service. The arms will be replaced as soon as they can be forwarded from the Eastern States.

3dly That they immediately furnish one hundred good road waggons, with four horses a waggoner and harness complete to each.

4thly That the State immediately furnish sixty good dragoon horses for Major Lee's Legion. These horses must be of the best kind, or they will be unsuitable for the service they are intended.

5thly That the State immediately raise twenty two men to serve in the corps of Artificers; of whom ten should be Carpenters six Blacksmiths, four Wheelwrights and two Harness makers.

6thly That they furnish immediately One thousand pounds in Specie for the purpose of procuring intelligence.

7thly That the State give every necessary aid to the D. Quarter Master for the State, in forwarding all Stores for the Southern Army on his application.

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[Jno Hammond, Acton Hall to Col Uriah Forrest]

Sir I beg Leave to inform you, that the Soldiery stationed at the Poor House, still continue their Trespasses on my Land, by cutting and carrying off my wood from it:—That on detecting two of them yesterday in the Fact, and questioning them, how they dared to do it contrary to your Orders; They informed me, they had received none from you, either personally or by Message; or thro' any Officer acting under you: That they were not allowed, or supplied with a Stick of wood, to make a Fire, wherewith to dress their victuals; but told they must look out, and provide it, where they cou'd which was the Reason of their taking it, wherever they cou'd get it: If this be the Case, Sir, and I am so unfortunate, as to fail of Redress, on my late Application to y^r^self for it; (altho it was promised me;) as also to the Executive Power of the State, whose kind Interposition in my Behalf, I requested, nor doubted of obtaining; I hope I shall have your favourable Excuse, if on the Commission of further Trespass by the Men, under your Rule & Direction, I forthwith proceed to lay my Complaint before the Committee of Grievances & Courts of Justice, or the General Assembly, if necessary; in order to be righted, as my Case may merit:

P. S. If wood cannot conveniently be procured for the Soldiery at the Poor House; I will readily supply it on reasonable Terms; and on Credit too; so such Credit be applied to the Payment of my Taxes.

November 11

[Chas. Blake, Corsica, to Gov Lee]

Sir I have sent M^r^ Hemsley an order for the money due for the beef I purchas'd of him which I hope y^r^ Excell: will order to be p^d^ the wheat I have sent from here to Elk has not in one instance held out owing to the difference of the half bus^ls^ the people here insist on delivering by our scal and Hollinsworth will receive by none but his own scale and there appears a difference of a pint in every half bus: I have retained the money for the deficiencys in my hands till I hear from you tho it appears they have deliver'd every grain they receiv'd. I hope y^r^ Excell will send me a written order to Hollingsworth by the Queen Ann's scal that which is purchas'd by that scal or the disputes will be endless. I rec^d^ yr. Ex: letter and £250 but that will go but a little way I hope to receive by M^r^ Hemsley a sum that will last all winter as the weather may prevent getting it when much wanted. If pork is to be bought please to send Salt or an order on M^r^ Wedderstrandt as he has Gov^t^ Salt here.

July 15
Brown Book No. 5
Letter No. 4

[Luther Martin, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir I do myself the Honour to inform your Excellency that a certain Stephen Mitter of the State of Virginia stands indicted on the General Court of this State for High Treason committed within

this State. he was committed to the Goal of this County from whence he escaped soon after which I met with him in Virginia and had him secured and delivered to the Sheriff of Worcester to be sent to Baltimore but he again made his Escape. I am informed by a Letter of the fifth Instant from Col° T. Bayly one of the Delegates of the State of Virginia, that he is now confined at Richmond to take his Trial at their approaching Court for Treason committed against that State. Col. Bayly is apprehensive that the Testimony will be incomplete from the absence of Witnesses and that he will be discharged, unless this State should make a Requisition of his being delivered up for a Trial. I shall only add that he was taken 2 years or more past in this Bay in Arms against us, and that he was one of the Number who boarded and took a Vessel in this Bay a little below Annapolis And submit to your Excellency the Propriety of making Application to the State of Virginia upon the Subject. July 15 Brown Book No. 5 Letter No. 4

[Jacob Owens To his Excellency the Governor and the Honorable the Council of the State of Maryland.] March 21

Your Petitioner for a long time hath been rendered incapable of doing any Duty, he having a very sore finger, which still continues so, and is now in a very bad and dangerous state, altho he has tried many methods to effectuate the cure thereof.

Your Petitioner further sheweth unto Your Excellency & Honors that should he be obliged to go to Camp at the time his Furlough expires he is apprehensive that in his present situation it would not only endanger the loss of his Finger but that of his Hand, if not attended with more fatal Consequences. that being totally incapacitated to do any Duty or render his Country any Service until a Cure is made of his Finger. therefore prays Y^r^ Excell^y^ & Honors to take his case into consideration, and to grant him a further Time in order that he may be enabled to effect the Cure of his Finger aforesaid.

[Henry Hooper, Lt. Dr. Coty, Dorset Co^ty^ to Gov. Lee.] April 13

Sir The enclosed is a List of all the Recruits passed by the Field Officers of this County under the present Act for recruiting the Quota of Troops &c. which I have transmitted by Order of your Board

List of all the Recruits passed in Dorset County to the 12^th^ Ap^l^ 1780 Viz.

William Willen Levin Button David Robinson Patrick Bryen

[Thomas Sprigg Washington County, to Gov. Lee.] April 22

S^r^ Yours of the 28^th^ of March I did not receive until Yesterday, or sho'd have answer'd it sooner, immediately on the rec^t^ of it, I apply'd to all the Field Officers in the Co^ty^ (except Colonels Bruce

April 22 and Baret whose residence is too remote to obtain any information) the Lists I've procur'd of the recruits amount to only Sixteen, which I believe is all that have been Inlisted in the Co^{ty}

June 19
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No. 41

[Jno Mathews, Nath'l Peabody, In committee of Congress, Morris Town to Gov. Lee.]

Sir We inclose you a copy of General Washington's letter to us, of this day.

We have in our former letters dwelt so forcebly on the several methods contained in the General's letter, that it is now become almost unnecessary for us to say any thing more on them. But when we consider the season for operation wears fast away, the small force we have now in the field, being still fed in a scanty and uncertain manner the hourly expectation of the fleet and Army of our ally, on our coast, and that the commander in chief, as well as ourselves, are as yet totally uninformed, what are to be our expectations on the subjects of our former letters; Be assured Sir, we feel an anxiety congenial with his. You will therefore, we are perswaded, pardon us for being thus Solicitous when we again intreat you, in the most earnest, in the most urgent manner, to use every exertion in your power to engage your state, to a speedy and decisive compliance with our former requisitions. The two points we would wish to impress most forcibly on your's and the mimd's of the legislature of your State, are the immediately forwarding your quota of Troops necessary to compleat your battalions in the Continental Army and of supplies of provisions agreeable to the estimate inclosed you in our letter of the Instant. At the same time we would not wish you to consider any part of our former requisitions, as become in the least degree unnecessary, on the contrary, we are more Strongly convinced, that they are already as small as the important objects in view can possibly admit of. We only mention the two first, as the most immediately and indispensibly necessary. For reinforced as the enemy now are, by the from the reduction of Charlestown, we momently expect will be made on our weak and almost resistless Army should this event happen, whilst in this state, we seriously dread the result.

From the well known indefatigable attention of your State to the welfare of the United States, we cannot entertain a doubt of its exertions, at this interesting conjuncture. And we most earnestly intreat you, to give us the earliest information of the final determinations of your State on the subjects of this and our former letters

November 14

[W. Smith, Balt. to His Excellency Thos. S. Lee Esqr.]

I am directed by the committee, for filling out the vessells at this port, for a cruize against the enemy in this bay, To inform your

Excellency that the rainy weather and other unforseen accidents, has prevented those vessels being ready to sail as soon as was at first expected. And to advise that they will be ready to sail this evening, or to morrow morning at furthest, wind & weather permitting. The com. therefore beg leave to request, that wha[t] ever reinforcement may be ordered to Join them on this expedition, may be directed to hold themselves in readiness; with your Excellencys instructions for their government; commissions will be wanting for the several officers on Board. November 14

[Don'l Yeates, Elk, to Gov. Lee.] November 14

Sir If at a leisure hour it would be Agreeable to you to pass a Sentim[t] on the Propriety of a Quarter Masters Post at Your city and if I don't ask too much a proper Person to transact the business, as I am not well Acquainted at Annapolis it will be thankfully Acknowledged; M[r] Bullen who is a Gent[n] I am unacquainted with has Signified to me he has laboured under disadvantage to his private interest, in past transaction of Public bussiness but has not expressed reluctance of Continuing to Act; if invested with means. I have not since I have been Appointed had means in my hands to do business on and have Appointed no officers but at such places as where they were in the Actual receival & delivery of Stores I wish to Avoid every expence in my Power at the same time to Omit no duty that can be Serviceable it will give me real pleasure to be Assisted at any time or on Any Occasion in Advice

[Sam. Smith Balt. to His Excell'y Gov. Lee] November 14

Sir Since my Return here, I made proposals to M[r] William Smith, respecting the Loading my Brigantine according to my proposals to your Excell[y] the offers to furnish the flour wanting, you engaging to supply the Money in time to replace it, or furnishing him with Tobacco Notes to the Amo[t] on good Warehouses at £50 & 4 ℔ Cent. If your Excell[y] approves of this plan, the most immediate Dispatch may be given in Eight Days after the Enemy leaves the Bay, your flour may be on its Voyage. The Brig I propos'd is that now equipping against the Piccaroons, She is equal to any belonging to this Port.

Perhaps the Arrival of the Fox may put your trading finances into a better situation.

[Mordecai Gist Annapolis to His Excellency Governor Lee] November 14

Dear Sir I beg leave to address your Excellency and thro' you Sir, The Hon[ble] The General Assembly of this State on the Subject of Gen[l] Greenes requisition, and in performance of my orders, to press its speedy & effectual execution Brown Book No. 3 Letter No. 30

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The General has further instructed me to appoint places of rendezvous for the Troops to be raised and to acquaint your Excellency therewith, that the Recruits may have directions where to Assemble An Officer at each place of rendezvous will be ordered to Inspect them, as they Arrive, and I am particularly charg'd to give them positive directions not to receive any recruits in the service whether by Draught or voluntary inlistment, unless they are Five Feet Four Inches high, of a good sound constitution, perfect in their limbs and under Fifty Years of Age.

I have the Honor to enclose you an estimate of men wanting to compleat our quota as also of Clothing, Camp Equipage, Arms, Accoutrements &ca and as the stores under the direction of the Board of War are incompetent to furnish these Articles I beg leave to hint, the necessity of procuring them with all possible dispatch that the March of the Troops (when raised) may not be impeded. I have the Honor to be with perfect Respect & Esteem

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[George Dashiell, Somerset County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr]

Sir I embrace this oppertunity by Mr Jackson to inform your Excellency that necessity obliges me to continue a part of the militia on Duty the Enemies cruisers are stil hovering about the tangier Island I recd Inteligence (which I could rely on) the 6th that the col was Join'd on the 2nd Instant by four sloops & schooners and that A Brigg lay at the mouth of the sound. Their boats frequently come near the mouth of our rivers but have not attempted to come up the rivers on which the smallest detachments of Militia have been Stationed I wrote your Excellency sometime pass'd requesting a supply of lead cartridge boxes and camp kettles. Those articles we are much in want of I had reason to expect such of them as you could conveniently spare by the state boats, but as I apprehend that they are by the junction of the Enemies cruisers now rendered unequal to them I presume they will not be sent down. And request the favour of Your Excellency to inform me in what manner I can be supplied. I have not more lead than is barely sufficient to supply the few men now on Duty and should it be necessary to collect a larger force cannot furnish them with it, I am unacquainted with the quantity in Worcester County, which lies remote and not exposed to the ravages of the Enemy, as the Lieutenant of that County is now in Annapolis if you will please to inform yourself And in Case I can be furnished with a small Quantity g[ive m]e an order I can readily procure it, or if it can be more conveniently spar'd from any other part of the State I will immediately send for it

[Mordecai Gist, Annapolis, to the Honble The President of the Committee appted to take into consideration the requisition of Major General Greene] November 14 Brown Book No. 3 Letter No. 31

Sir It appears by the last returns of our Troops that the State of Maryland want 1951 men to compleat their quota, agreeable to the Establishment made by Congress the 21st Ult. I beg leave to offer you a few thoughts on a plan for raising them which I submit to the consideration of the Committee with every Sentiment of deference and Respect.

Suppose the number of Inhabitants in the State to be 30,000, that number divided into 2000 Classes will give 15 men to each. The property in each of these Classes to be proportioned as equal as possible and each Class call'd on to furnish One Man by a fix'd period of time for the War: Otherwise to be subjected to a Draught, every Recruit or substitute so furnished shou'd continue in his Regiment as the representative of that Class during the War, and in case of Death, Desertion &ca the Class whose representative he was, shall furnish another in his place on report of the Commanding Officer who shall Transmit the name of such soldier specifying the County he did belong to the Governor & Council of the State who shall require the Lieutenant of such County to Order such Classes to furnish another man within one month from the Date of such requisition or become subject to a Draught as afsd By this plan we may always count upon 2000 men in the Field. Agreeable to the present establishment Five Commissiond Officers & Five Drums & Fifes must remain in the State to Recruit. those will be constantly employ'd in adding to the 2000 Draughts by voluntary Inlistments, and in receiving such deficiencies as the Lieutenants of the Counties may be call'd on for. it will also engage every man to be equally Interested in the success of our Arms, or event of an Action, and prevent the Iniquitous practice of furnishing bad men for the Army, in whose services or Integrity no confidence can be placed. The recent example of this practice and its consequences are evident in the Recruits raised for the State Regiment, as the whole number of Troops now in Service by virtue of the last Draught amount to no more than 381 men, large numbers having Deserted immediately after the acceptance of the Bounty money & perhaps stand protected even by the Classes who furnished them

No abuses of this kind can happen when each Class are Obliged to continue their representative in the Field as it will effectually prevent the harbouring & concealing Deserters, give respectability to our line & (I hope) general satisfaction to the good people of the State

I shall feel myself happy if in this essay I have offerred any thing worthy of your Approbation.

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An Estimate of Men to be raised by the State of Maryland to compleat their quota of Troops agreeable to the Establishment made by Congress 21 Oct. 1780

5 Regiments	612	privates	3060	privates
	45	Serjeants	225	Serjeants
	20	D^{s} & Fifes	100	D^{s} & Fifes
	677			
			3385	Total

Troops now in Service, viz

In the Field as ꝑ last return		781	Privates
		67	Serj^{ts}
		62	D^{s} & F.
		910	
Forwarded to Camp since last Return		82	
Recruiting Service	25 Serj^{ts}		
	13 D^{s} & F.	61	
	23 priv^{ts}	1053	Total
Wanting to compleat exclusive of the State Regiment		2332	
Total of the State Reg^{t} as ꝑ Col^{o} Smiths Ret^{n}		381	
Wanting to compleat Including The State Regiment		1951	

M. Gist B G. Ann^{s} 14 Nov. 1780

November 15 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency, the Governor in Council]

Gentlemen I wrote you yesterday by Express regarding the Horses and Cattle which are now Suffering at this post, and as I am detained here untill something is done with them and Jiles is at leasure I have thought it the most usefull duty he can go upon to wait on you for an answer to my letters of yesterday, and to inform your Excellency and Honors that I am this morning under the disagreeable necessity of Bartering off some of the Cattle for Hay to feed the remainder, and of advertiseing the Horses for Public Sale without your leave, though I flatter myself of obtaining it as nothing better can be done with them, my Forage being all Exhausted, and none other to be procured. Col^{o} Yeates has made a formial demand of the public Stables, (this should I be censured for, must Submit to it) as I have no other alternative. but that or Starve the Horses & Cattle.

pray Gentlemen give me your directions fully by the return of Jiles who waits on you for this only, shall do myself the honour of

waiting on you as soon as the business of the Post will permit and am in no doubt of giving full satisfaction for my past conduct if I can obtain an enquiry November 15

[Ben Stoddert, By order, War Office to Gov. Lee] November 15

Sir It is recommended in the resolution of Congress of the 25th of Febry last, "That the several States cause monthly returns to be made to the board of war, of all such commodities as shall be procured for the use of the United States, specifying the quantities issued (the board suppose the quantities delivered by the State Commissioners) in each preceeding month" Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 187

For want of such returns, the board are extremely embarrassed in forming a Judgement of the prospects the Army have of being supplied, nor will it ever be in their power, if not furnished with them, to check the accounts of the issuing Commissaries, by knowing the quantities recd from the States. It is also extremely difficult to direct the march of Troops without information of the Supplies obtained, & places of deposit.

They therefore take the liberty to request that your Excellency will be pleased to order the person in your State whose business it is, to make them, to be punctual in transmitting the returns agreeable to the resolution above recited.

[Edw'd Giles, Petersburgh to Gov. Lee] November 15

Sir By Colonel Smith's Directions, I agreable to your Excellency's request, I take the Liberty of transcribing for your Perusal a History of our march from Annapolis to this Place, which tho marked with no Interesting Events may serve to account for the length of Time employed in gaining such little ground. At Alexandria we were detained three Days in paying off the Men & allowing them an opportunity of laying out their money, which farther to the South would be of no Service. At Colchester which is but one short Day's march from Alex:: we were delayed near two Days at the Ferry, the wind blowing in such a manner, as to render a Passage impracticable at Fredericksburgh new Difficulties arose. From some of our Horses being jaded & being under the Necessity of carrying four Day's Provision, we could not proceed without fresh one's. So clogged are the Wheels of the Quarter Master's Department, that with all our Industry, we consumed three Days on this Business & were at last obliged to march without a full Supply. The Provision too was not provided till the last moment. From Frederr to Richmond we proceeded without any Obstruction, reaching it on the fourth Day. Here the Commissary could not furnish us with Provision to carry us two Day's March, unless we halted a Day, till he went in the Country to purchase it. Necessity compelled us to do it & the next Day was spent in crossing the Ferry, which from its Brown Book No. 5 Letter No. 81

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shoals & ill-appointed Boats was intolerably tedious. For Provision & Horses we have had a Detention at this Place for three Days more, but shall march on this Ev^g & flatter ourselves to meet with no farther Obstruction. Coll. Smith & his Officers present their Compliments to y^r Excellency & the honorable Council, none of which are more sincere than those of Sir Y^r Ob^t Serv^t

November 16 [Paid Nov. 19 by £50 new emission]

[H. Hollingsworth, Head Elk, to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee Esqr., in Council]

Gentlemen Please to pay Thomas Giles Express rider Two thousand Pounds.

November 16 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 11

[Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to Gov. Lee]

Sir I have the Honor to transmit your Excellency an Extract of a Letter of the 7th Instant from General Washington, together with the Copy of an Act of Congress of the 14th Instant, earnestly requesting that as great a Proportion as can be procured, of the Quota of Provision for the Army assigned to the State of Maryland, may be forwarded without Loss of Time. The great Destruction of the Grain upon the Western Frontiers of New York in the late Incursions of the Enemy makes this request peculiarly pressing, and the Efforts of the State in Compliance therewith the more essential

Your Excellency will further observe, that by the Act enclosed it is recommended to the respective States (where it hath not been already done) to pass Laws to inflict Capital Punishments on all Persons who shall furnish the Enemy with Provisions, military or naval Stores, and that the most effectual Measures be adopted for the vigorous Execution of such Laws.

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[Luzerne Philadelphia to Gov. Lee]

Monsieur. L'arrivée del'Escadre du Roi dans la Baye de Chesapeak m'a été annoncée par plusieurs Lettres particulieres sur lesquelles il me paroit qu'on peut faire fonds. J'ai éte d'autant plus satisfait d'aprendre qu'elle avoit choisi cette station que je scarit que le commandant de cette escadre peut compté sur toutes sortes de secours de la part de Vôtre Excellence et que vous l'aideres avec plaisir dans les differens objets pour lesquels vôtre appui luisera néccessaire. La situation des Blessés demande surtout des secours prompts, soit pour leur habitation et logement, soit pour leur nouriture. Les provisions et subsistances del'escadre sont un objet également important et je vous prie, Monsier, de seconder les mesures que Mr. de Grasse ou tout autre Commandant francois sera dans le cas de prendre pour en procurer aux troupes et à la marine du Roy.

Donnés moi vos ordres pour ce pays ci, Monsieur, ou pour tous les objets dans lesquels je pourrai vous servir et soyes sur de mon empressent a les executer.

Je proffite avec Bien du plaisir, Monsieur, de cette occasion pour vous faire mes complimens Sincère sur vôtre Election nous sommes unis d'interêts avec les Americains d'une manière si Etroitte qui tous les Bons choix qu'ils font nous causent autant de satisfaction qu'a eux mêmes Jái L'honneur d'etre avec un Respectueux attacement Monsieur de Votre Excellence Le tres humble et tres obeissant serviteur. November 17 Brown Book No. 7. Letter No. 46

[Sam Smith Baltimore to Gov. Lee] November 18

In Consequence of an Order from the Honourable Jeremiah T. Chase Received from George P. Keeports for the use of the armed Brigg Cato and schooner Nautilus Eighty Muskets Eighty Cartridge Boxes Two Barrels Containing Two thousand six hundred and thirty one Musket Cartridges, one Cagg with two hundred Gun flints, Sixteen Cartouch Boxes, two Leather Pouches seventeen Prickers Eight pruning Horns six lint Stocks; seven Bunches Grape sort made up for 4^{tiers} four Boxes containing Two hundred & fifty ready fill'd Cartridges for four Pounders one hundred ready fill'd Cartridges for 3^{tiers} Two hundred four Pound Cartridge Empty and one hundred three pound Empty Cartridges, Ten Casks Powder 50^{l} French weight each, Two hundred four Pound Shot, one hundred and fifty three Pound Shot, Fifty Pikes & six Gunners hand spikes & four Gun Boxes.

[Luzerne Philadelphia to Mr. "Simeon Lee, Gr. du Maryland"] November 19

Monsieur. Cette Lettre sera remise à Votre Excellence par M^{r} Beyerfalk, Officier au Régiment de Deuxponts Le Colonel de ce Regiment a oui dire qu'il y a dans l'Etat du Maryland plusieurs. Deserteurs des troupes Allemandes au service del'Angleterre; il desire que Vous lui permettiér de les enroller pour son regiment, qui est composé de Soldats Allemands. Comme ce projet n'a pour objet que de diminuer les forces de l'Ennemi et d'augmenter celles de Votre allié, j'ai présumé que vous ne trouveriés pas d'inconvenient à son execution. Le Conseil de l'Etat de Pensylvanie a concourru avec empressement à un arrangement de cette nature ainsi que vous le verrér Monsieur par l'acte que jai l'honneur de Vous adresser. M^{r} Beyerfalk est un Officier prudent et il est trop sage pour ne pas s'adresser à Vous et recevoir Vos ordres dans tous les cas, où il pourrait relever des difficultés. Je vous prie de vouloir bién lui accorder Vos bontés. Brown Book No. 7 Letter No. 24

J'ai l'honneur d'être avec un respectueux attachement
Monsieur De Votre Excellence Le très
humble et très obeissant Serviteur
Le Chev^{r} de la Luzerne

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[Enclosure Joseph Reed President, In Council Philadelphia to Luzerne]

Sir In answer to Your Excellency's favour this day, I have the honnour to acquaint you that the enlisting any deserters in the Continental Army being expressly contrary to the direction of the Commander in chief, the Hessian Deserters are quite at liberty to enter into the service of his most Christian Majesty, if his Officers approve it; and that they will in that case receive every encouragement from us so to do.

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[D'Anmours, Baltimore, to Gov Lee]

Sir the French Subjects settled in this Country have represented to me, since my return from Virginia, that the Commissaries for the taxes required them to Pay in their hands, those demanded by the Assembly of this State. they have Constantly refused to Comply till they had my Approbation for doing it. Some of them have declared to me that they were threathen'd with having their Goods & Properties seized if they did not Pay the 28th of this month.

Permit me Sir, to represent to your Excelency that in all the french west india dominions, the Americans settled there are Subjected to no Personal taxes, & that the law of retaliation intitles his most Christian majesty's Subjects to the same favour here. I am Conscious that those who have Bought, Either land or houses ought to pay in the same proportion with the inhabitants of the Country But as to their moveables, I think in Justice they ought to be exempted from any duty: Besides their number here is so very inconsiderable, that it Can not be of Great importance to the State whether they are taxed or not, it may be observed that that number will probably increase, & I sincerely wish it. But in that Case there will probably be some Agreement settled between his Majesty's ministers and those of America in europe which will fix imperturbably the Privileges & Line of Conduct of valuations. I am even almost Certain that this is already done. Monsieur de Sartinne has wrote to me upon that Subject informing me that I was promoted to Rank of Consul General for his most Christian Majesty in this State and the four Southern ones. & that he would soon send me with my diploma his General instructions Relating to that Agreement.

I also Beg that your Exelency will Exempt the Subjects of France from all militia duty upon the same Principle of retaliation, the Americans were never Disturbed on that account either in france or in the west india, as the Commissaries for the taxes are to act with Rigour on the 28th of this month, I have directed the Gentleman Bearer hereof to wait for your Exelency's answer.

I have the honour to be with Respect Sir Your Exelency's most humble & most obedient Servant

LeChevalier D'Aumours Consul Gl of his M. C. majesty

P. S. I must further observe to your Exelency that the favours I ask are understood to Respect only those who are Brought here by their Commercial Connexions; or are temporary inhabitants. there is a quantity of vagrants & adventurers that are the dregs of the French dominions & a burthen to society which deserve no Privileges. November 19 Brown Book No. 8 Letter No. 47

I do not intend to Grant any Protection to such ones; & if your Exelency Approves of it a Certificate from me will settle the distinction between those that have a Right to those Privileges, & those that have not.

[Ephr Blaine, C. G. P., Philad[a], to His Excellency Governor Lee] November 20

Sir I expected to have done myself the Honor of waiting on your Excellency and Council at Annapolis but the wants of the Army in a great measure prevented, my Business was the Supplies of the Army and the requisitions of Congress from your State.

I take the liberty of Suggesting a few things to your Excellency and Council respecting securing the Supplies in due time which may be a real advantage to your State, and to the United States in general.

Our Army will never be properly fed until our Magazines afford a Barril of well cured Salt Provisions for every Man who is entitled to draw Rations to hold up the Idea of feeding them with fresh Beef is absurd and this Continent cannot furnish it. there remains no certain Method but by using every Exertion in the fall Season, when Grass Beef and Pork are plenty, to procure as largely as our Exigencies may require.

A considerable quantity of Beef may be salted up in your State at the Magazines pointed out by His Excellency General Washington, and every advantage ought to be take by the State Commissioner in the Pork Season to secure as largely as possible of that usefull and necessary Article otherwise the Monopolizers & Engrocers will have it all bought up for other purposes than for the Army.

Larger Magazines ought to be collected at Elk or the Head of the Bay which will be convenient for either the northern or Southern Army as their Exigencies may require, this beg your Excellency and Council will pay attention to.

I wish to be informed who you have appointed Superintendant of your State Purchases in Order that I may be informed from him of the Success your Agents have in executing their respective Purchases from month to month and give him such Instructions respecting the Deposit of Provisions as I may receive from the Commander in Chief.

November 20 I have a quantity of Salt at the different Landings upon the Eastern Shore which was deposited there for the Purpose of salting Pork last Fall, this Salt you may have the loan of until next Spring. M^r^ Wederstrandt of Wye River will render you an Account of it, to whom I have given directions to deliver it to your Order and take receipts for the Quantity.

A number of Cattle forwarded by some of the Agents upon the Eastern Shore are exceeding Ordinary, indeed fifty of them in such a Condition that I think they will hardly survive the Winter. I have given directions to have them sold for the best Price they will bring.

The Public are much indebted to your State for their Exertions last Year and I pray God they may pursue the same line of Conduct the ensuing [year], without which it will be impossible to feed the Army.

November 21

[Jno Dorsey, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 66 Sir I have Dispatched Midletons Boat with forty cases of Sugar Capt. Pitt is now Loading you shall have an Invoice of the whole by him I have the Pleasure to inform you that the Cargo is in much Better order then I Expected and I believe not more then Three Cases of Sugar will be lost. I have not as yet sold any I believe the Buyers are laying Back for the arrival of the Vessels that sails with the Fox. If they should not arrive in a few days I have not a doubt but they will have a Brisk Sale at a Higher Price then Sixteen Dollars.

November 22

[Chris'r Birckhead, Talbot County to Gov. Lee]

Sir I have not rec^d^ any part of the 15 ℔ C^t^ since my return to you; as the Assembly are now sitting I expect they will either explain or amend the Law, it is very disagreeable to me to act under a Law where I am to guess at the meaning and intent of it. I have had the opinion of an eminent Lawyer, a member of the Hon^ble^ Senate whose Judgment I can rely on, that unless the recruits are first procured the Law will not ustify me in ordering executions, without which it will be impossible to collect it. I hope therefore I shall be excus'd from acting any farther till the assembly takes some order therein.

If the Lieut^ts^ are to be collectors of this Tax I see no provision made for their trouble and expense, in procuring of Books, opening Acco^ts^ ag^t^ all the inhabitants of the County, and Attendance at Publick places, but in my humble opinion it wou'd be more properly the Duty of a Sheriff

November 22

[Cha's. Blake, Corsica, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I rec^d^ y^r^ Excel^cys^ of the 3^d^ of this instant with £250. We are now at a Stand about the credit of the New money no one here

will receive it. I am collecting what wheat I can to Mr Hemsleys Mill to grind because the Vessels here will not carry it for the New money, and as soon as it is ready will acquaint yr. Excel: that you may order a State boat for it or direct me what to do. I can gett Wheat here for Tobo if yr Excel: will send me orders to purchase with that and at what price to sell the Tobo And an order for it in case we can agree for the limitted price. All seem here willing to take the new money if the Merchants will take it for them or the Assembly will do something to give it credit I hope to receive a Supply by Mr Hemsley when he comes over least the severity of the Weather may prevent my getting it when necessary. I shall be glad to know whether any wheat may be sent from Kent Island to Colo Sharps Mill as it may save expence in sending craft for it when the ferry boats will carry it at a less expence. I mentioned in my last that in case I was to purchase pork it would be necessary to send Salt immediately or an order to Mr Wederstrandt who has continental Salt here. I have sent to Colo Hollingsworth what beef I have purchased. November 22

[G. Murdock, Fred Town, to Gov. Lee.] November 22

Sir I am Honor'd with yours of the 4th Instant and am sorry to inform you that it will not be in my power to give Col Rawlings much assistance, this Post being still continued and the Issues lately pretty considerable so that the Stock I had on hand is much lessen'd.

Col Lees Cavalry have been here for several days past I had every thing necessary for them except Hay, which no person here was authorized to purchase. However rather than they should suffer, I undertook to procure for them and have promised the Farmers payment in a few days, so that if you think proper, you'l be pleased to send me the money by Col. Rawlings, I cant say what sum will be sufficient at present, but suppose for Ten or Twelve Ton from Thirty to Forty Dollrs p Hundred

[Jno Dorsey, Baltimore, to Gov Lee] November 22 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 165

Sir I wrote you yesterday that I had Dispatched Capt Midleton with 40 Chests Sugar but I see by the Acct Rendered me by the Captain that he had 41 Capt. Pitt has on Board 30 Box's, enclosed you have an Invoice of the whole the Brigg will be Discharged this day, you shall then know the Exact loss.

I will forward down the other 29 by first opertunity

[William Bradford, President, Hartford, Conn. to His Excellency the Governor of Maryland.] November 22 Red Book No. 32 Letter No. 20

Sir By the direction of the Convention held at this Place I have the Honour to transmit to Your Excellency their Proceedings with a Request that you will please to lay them before the Legislature of your State

November 22 Red Book No. 32 Letter No. 20

As the measures we have recommended to the State by whose Appointment we met will depend for their Efficacy upon the Concurrence of the other States we conceive it our Duty to Communicate them Immediately in order that if they should be deemed Eligible they might with the greater dispatch be carried into Effect

I remain with the most Sincere Wishes for the Success of our Common Cause and the Peace & Prosperity of our Sister States

November 25

[Jere. Banning, Na. Officer 7 Dist., Talbot County, to Gov. Lee.]

May it please y^r^ Excellency When the Naval officers were commissioned it was said that M^r^ Adam Muir as well as myself were appointed to the 7^th^ district of this I acquainted the late Governor, who was pleased to honor me with the following answer

" Inclosed you have the resolution of the Assembly which erected & describes the districts your commission is right & we returned it; the minutes we have of M^r^ Muirs is of the 6^th^ and 8^th^ also but as it may have been filled up wrong we shall send him another."

My reason for troubling your Excellency on this subject is to inquire if another commission hath been sent to M^r^ Muir, for he still continues so to do the Naval office business for vessels lying in Choptank. I do suppose from the Gentlemans living at Cambridge on Choptank, thinks that he is the proper officer of the Port, the reason for my supposition is, that the word Port (instead of District) in the 16 chap. June Session 1780 section 5^th^ lead to the error, but the latter part of the same section in respect to permits, sets the matter I think in as clear a light as possible. you'll also please to observe what the Law says in the same chap. Section 6 & 12 as also in chap. 8 Sec. 11 of the same Session in respect to duties on exports & imports to be received by the several Na. officers in the respective districts & in the last mentioned chapter Sec. 12 the Law seems to be plain & pointed.

I apprehend unless M^r^ Muir hath still the commission for the 7^th^ District that their entry with him are illegal and that the vessels are now subject to seizure.

I wish Sir, for y^r^ opinion in this affair, if I am wrong in my conjectures should be glad of your advice to set me right. If it appears that the mistake hath been rectified in M^r^ Muirs commission, a little of your advice to him might probably prevent disagreeable consequences to vessels

November 25

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency the Governor in Council.]

Gentlemen Your favours of the 14^th^ & 18^th^ I am Honour'd with; had that of the 14^th^ came in time, should not have wrote you regarding the Horses as I looked on it the only possible way of making any thing of them to sell them and for that purpose took the

opinion of four principle Inhabitants regarding them (which I inclosed in my last) in order that no time might be lost or unnecessary Expence in keeping the Horses (gone into) after takeing their opinions I thought it most adviseable to advertise them for Sale at public Auction with the Boilers belonging to the Salt Petre works, and some old waggon Iron and other matters unfit for Service belonging to the United States, which has been fully done and this is the day of Sale, as it is very wett and bad, fear the sale cant go on, in which case I shall send them off on monday with what waggons and Teams there are (for your City) according to your resolution of the 14th as the detaining them here, untill they could be properly advertised again, would be prolonging the time and Expence much, I am the more hastened in this matter as the Horses are in the public Stables, which have more then once been demanded of me by Colo Yeates for the Continental Horses should the day clear up so that the People come in I shall Expose them to Sale, if otherways must send them to your Excellv and Honours, the cattle are yet on hand, though on showing Colo Yeates a copy of your letter he promised to receive them the next day and has put it of from day to day, ever since, tis now to be put off untill Monday, when if they are not received I shall give the matter up, and write to your Excellency and Honours on it, their Expence here is great and the Cattle considerably worse of the delay, as tis impossible to properly feed so many Cattle together when I left Annapolis I flattered myself of returning ere now and haveing my papers laid before the Judges for their determination regarding the supposed Forgery, as the delay occasioned by the Public business, and not by my own, or any choice of mine, I flatter myself this will not be construed to any disadvantage, and will thank your Excellency to inform them the Judges the cause of the delay, and that the earliest hour in my power shall be embraced to lay the papers before them, which I flatter myself will be within two weeks from this date or sooner if in my power, when I have no doubt of giving both them and your Excellency and Honours full satisfaction regarding my conduct in General (and that matter in particular) November 25

P. S. What Teams are not received by Colo Yeates and are fit for service shall be sent on as soon as possible

Friday November 25th 1780 O[f]f Tangier Island November 25

On Board the Brigg Cato at a Board of enquiry held this Day between the Officers of said Brigg and the Schooner Nautuless whether it should be thought proper, after recieving Inteligence from on Board a Brigg Commanded by one Capt. Keel that he had been chased as high as the lower Tangiers last night by a Ship, 3 Briggs & Two Schooners and at the time of the Assignment of this, a Vessell

November 25 that seems to be dodgen us, which the said Capt. knows as he says, to be one of the same fleet, & the weather appearing at this present, very unsetled & likely for blowing, and the Cato in a Very indifferent State with respect to Seamen. Whether it be thought most Prudent to proceed upwards or to resque the chance of the Bay, not having more than three Days meat on Board, the opinion of the Court stands thus. Comm^{r} Tibball in the Chair—

for Returning up the Bay		for Continuing down the Bay
M^{r} John Gordon Master		
Lieu^{t} Jones	Capt. Kiersted	Lieu^{t} Smith
Lieu^{t} & Pilot Ross	Capt. Donathy	Capt. Revely
Lieut. French	Capt. W^{m} Middleton	Capt. G. Middleton
Capt. Edgley		

Except he & Cap^{t} Revely with the Land forces could be landed on the Lower Tangier

November 30 [Chas. Blake, Corsica, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir By the Dolphin I send a beef which was missing when the drove went off, and has been straying ever since; as I had no more to send to Elk I could not think of sending him have order'd him to Annapolis to be salted or given to the Men as y^{r} Excel: may think proper. I am now quite at a stand the State money will, not purchase another bus. of Wheat if y^{r} Excel. has any Tob^{o} on hand on Choptanck above Oxford or Wye Chester or in Kent Co^{ty} a Gent^{n} has offerd to purchase it with Continental money with which wheat may be had if y^{r} Excel: will inform me before next Munday what price your would ask and send an order on the Treasurer for the notes I can gett thirty thousand pounds down and the rest as soon as the notes are receiv'd if y^{r} price is not to high. If the Dolphin could come immediately back with an order and y^{r} Excel: instructions if the Gent^{n} should not agree to the terms I would return the order by her he would take 100 hogsheads; I have agreed for no price as I could promise no Tob^{o} he is offering fifty five for single hogshead and would probably give more for a quantity. I have sent off to Elk 2179¾ of wheat and have now a Vessel loading which will have between eleven and twelve hundred bus: on board and have about 500 at M^{r} Hemsleys Mill which will be all I shall be able to get unless I am shortly supplied with continental money the wheat is going off very fast to those who can give Continental or goods and will in a very short time be all gone.

P. S. if I do not gett the order and instructions before Sunday night it will be too late. there was a letter directed to me taken from Queens Town last week if it was from y^{r} Excel: about Supplies please to send another as some curious person has taken it away.

[Richd Dallam Harford County to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr] November 30 Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 67

Sir Not having been Honord with any Letter from Your Excellency for a long time Past I am exceedingly at a loss how to conduct myself.

I am entirely without money and am unable to do any thing for want. what wheat I have cannot get manufactured for want of Casks for 100 I have got I have been obliged to exchange wheat, for some of the Millers Who I am in debt to will not let me have flour untill I am able to pay them. I must therefore entreat Your Excellency to consider me & if Possible to send me some relief I am much distress'd being daily duned for above 8 months past & the money having so much depreciated that my Creditors are out of Patience

Our Sheriff must have money in His hands & if none can be spared me from Annapolis Perhaps by an order on him I may obtain some little

As the Tobacco for the Sept Tax must be paid in & as Your Excellency pointd out the sale of It as a certain fund I make some contracts on a certainty of being supply'd with Cash from thence I therefore hope Your Excellency will enable me to comply with those Contracts. Its out of my Power to say how much I am distressed for the want of money or to know what I am a looser by not being supplyd with Cash or what I am still to suffer As I have every thing to Procurd for my Own Family & am without money or Credit If there's any thing In your Excellencys Power I still hope I shall not be forgot.

[Geo. Plater & John Hanson Dels in Congress, Philadelphia to the Governor and Council of Maryland] 1780 December Red Book No. 5 Letter No. 88

Gentlemen Your Letter of the 22^{d} last relative to the Cattle at the Head of Elk did not come to our Hands 'till the 2^{d} inst. & yesterday we laid it before the Congress they have referred it to the Board of War with Directions to take immediate Orders.

[Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore, to Gov Lee] December 1

Sir I did not receive Your Excellencies Letter of the 24th Ult^{o} until yesterday owing to my own neglect in not calling at the Post office before.

It has not been in my power to sell more than about thirty Hogsh^{s} of Tobacco since M^{r} Chase left this and the money has been apply'd in the purchase of flour and Ship Stuff except what it has taken to pay the Butcher for the Beef Issued at this Post which is pretty considerable since the Militia have been called upon duty, and I know not what will be done for that article even at this Post a few

December 1 Weeks hence unless we have a quantity salted up. Col° Stone promised to send me up some salt for that purpose but none has yet come to hand and the Season is almost over for Beef.

The Merchants at this place have met with so many losses of late that they are quite disheartened and indeed have not money to make purchases, besides they have a very bad opinion of the Tobacco paid in for Taxes which is mostly from the worst Warehouses a great deal of it light and some several years inspected therefore it is not in my power to sell for near the price you limitted except it is now & then a few Hogsh^{ds} at a time. I expect to sell thirty or forty of that at George Town in a few days provided the Gentleman can raise the Cash and if I do, and that sum will be of any service to you, will send it down if not it could readily be laid out here either in the purchase of Beef or Flour

December 1 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency the Governor in Council.]

Gentlemen According to your letter of the 18th I have waited on Col° Yeates with a copy of your directions regarding the Cattle in consequence of which he has Vouchsaf'd at last to receive them, I am sorry it could not have been done Sooner as notwithstanding my utmost endeavours to keep them up they had fallen off considerably there being Two hundred and thirty of them which are more then could be properly fed, as to the Horses that were refused they were sold on the 25th according to your order of the 18th as I had advertised them from the time I had called on four Freeholders to Judge of them (as p my last) and as the day cleared up we had a very good Sale, to assist which I agreed to take State money (which is much out of credit here) and also to discount on the Certificates given on account of debts of this and the United States, this I did to assist the Sales & that the Creditors might have the advantage of Buying, on a footing with others, suppose they had not the money (as their Services merititted it,) the acc^{t} of Sales I shall bring down in a few days, I now send with the bearer Capt. Sam^{l} Winkett Steer Teams the purchase of Capt Sam^{l} Gilpin, and one made up of the Horses which I picked out of the refuse Horses purchased by this State, the Waggon and Gears bought by myself, in order to assist to draw feed, and Hay for the State Cattle and Horses while at this Post, which as they are now removed hope shall have no further use for them, the Team hired and sent me by M^{r} Sam^{l} Lee of Harford County Col° Yeates received, but since returned as being too Expensive to keep in continental Service I have sent it to Harford to M^{r} Lee some days since, in order that any repairs might be made that are necessary, and requested that they might be sent forward to you as Soon as possible (as it is a good Team) all other Horses waggons &c^{a} that I have received

Except those rejected, and sold here, are delivered to Col° Yeates, December 1
and M^r^ Jacob Hiltzheimer A Q. M. in Philadelphia, so that I have not now one Horse Except the two Express Horses, nor a Cow or Bullock except three cattle part of thirteen which had broke out of my Inclosures and strayed away (which are recovered) hope to hear of and procure the remainder of the others soon in a short time, after which I shall make it a point to wait on your Excellency and Honours with the account

[Jos. Beall, Prince Georges C^ty^ to Gov. Lee] December 3

Sir I look on it as my duty, to inform you as Supreme Majestrate of this State, of a commotion that hapened in the Town of Bladensburgh a few days ago, which it seems amounted to an intended Riot. A number of people it seems had determined to duck, Tar & feather one Andrew Wailes who is a dealer in town, & one whome the people heretofore have seemed fond of dealing with (tho a person who I believe is no friend to America) it seems they had given him notice to leave the town such a day, otherwise he must abide by the consequences: As the man applyed to me as a Majestrate for protection under the Laws of the country I went to town the day they were to put their threats in Execution, and with the assistance of M^r^ Henderson who he had likewise applyed to and some other persons, who were determined to support our Bill of rights and constitution, prevented their puting their threats in Execution. I have understood their intention was, first to begin with Wailes, and then to fall on the Other Tradeing people in Town. This is occasioned it seems by the Exorbitant prices they are selling their goods at, and Especially Salt, which is now selling at £200. p^r^ Bushell and some pains taken by the holders of it to make the people believe it a favour to let them have it at that price for their money, as their whole aime seems to be, to sell it for Pork only, and that at the rate of 100^lb^ of pork p^r^ Bushell. I have heard within this day or two, that in Alandria they talk of 200^lb^ of pork p^r^ Bushell. As pork is likely to be a scarce article, this is no doubt with a view of geting considerable Quantitys in their own hands, in Expectation of geting Great and exorbitant prices for it hereafter for the use of our Armies. It is amazing what strides some wretches will take towards the ruin of their country & fellow Citizens, in order to make money to themselves.

I always have and Ever shall look on Every man who prefers his own private intrest, to the Publick good, not only as Enemies to their country & their own Posterity; But, as viled Rotten members of the community to which they belong, & that they ought to be treated as such, for short the people in general are so opprest by those kind of Monsters in Hughman shape that unless some Salutary Laws

December 3 are Speedily Enacted & put in force, to restrain them in their Evil practices, it will be out of the power of the civil Magistrate to keep up any kind of Order, or decorum among the people

I have been now nearly half my time in the Commition of the peace for this county, during which, and more Especially since our change of Government, I have Endeavoured, as far as my weak abilitys would allow me, to Enforce a strict and due Execution to the Laws of the State, knowing that any country Whatever, and Especially in its infancy, a State in which we may look on ourselves to be at present, can no more be supported without a Strict and due Execution of the Laws by which it ought to be Governed; Than the Natural body can be supported without the Necessary food or Aliment for its Nurishment.

I have Ever, and always shall be willing to do every thing in my power for the good of my countrey. But unless some more Effectual Laws are Enacted to put a stop to those viled, oppressive & Extortionate doings that are daily carrying on among us, I must & shall beg leave to resigne

P. S. I should be glad to know if one William Pope does not stand as a deserter on the Maryland Rolls, I have understood he went off in that Carriter, and is now returned, indeed I could wish to have a list of all those who has been recruited in this country and have deserted

December 4 [Richard Dallam to Gov. Lee asks $1000 continental money.]

December 5 [John Cockey, Baltimore County, to Gov. Lee.]

Sirs I have sent you 1 Waggon and gears with Nine horses, a few Days past one horse Strayed or was Stolen from my pasture I will do all in my Power to get him again and send him Down. Inclos'd you have an Order you gave me on one of the Collectors for Baltimore. I have since seen him he tells me he has none but New Money, I have been Inform'd M^{r} W^{m} Cromwell one of the Collectors has about Eight thousand Pounds in his possession if you think proper to give me an Order on him I will wait on him.

N B. I would not have given you so much trouble but I promis'd those I purchased from Continental money

December 5 [M. Rawlings, Fort Frederick, to Gov. Lee]

Sir I have the honour to inform your Excellency, that since I left Annapolis, have waited on both the Collectors of Frederick & Washington and they inform that tis not in their power to Furnish me with any money at this Time, and they say they do not know when it will, as there is orders on them already prior to mine, indeed the Collector of Washington says thus, not near money Enough to Collect as will pay my order,

I am entirely out of meat, but I shall Endeavour to purchase as much on Credit as will supply the post untill Mr Magruder Can return, at which time your Excellency will please to Direct me how to act, my Situation here is Truly alarming, for the prisoners realy suffer for water as well as meat, for the wells Both in & out of the fort are Dry, so that we Have water to fetch near half a mile. December 5

the Prisoners attempted the other night to Force the gate but were prevented from geting out by the alertness of the guard, there is no more of the Convention Troops arived Lately, and I am in hopes will not, as its not in my power to receive them, if they are to Come to Maryland. I would beg leave to Recommend their being Quartered at Frederick Town as there is good Barracks, and the officers Expect to be near the men and at that place they could be accomodated.

I sent a man sometime ago up the South branch of Potomac, in order to Contract for a number of Cattle, he has returnd and Reports, that he had partly agreed for 200 head on pretty good Terms, he Expected to have got the money on my return from Annapolis, but is Disappointed, I have thought proper to send him back again, in hopes he Can Satisfie the people to wait for the Money untill Mr Magruder Can return in hopes it will be in your Excellencys power to send me a sum, by the Sale of Tobacco If am Disappointed in geting these Cattle am afraid it will not be in my power to Get any this winter, yesterday I was offered 40 head, could have bought them if I had half the money to have paid in hand but for the want of that, Lost the Bargain

[John Reid, Fort Fredk, to Gov Lee.] December 5

Sir I have the Honr to Inform your Excellency that a few days ago I Procured two Recruits in addition to my Company. I am also to acquaint your Excellency that Mr Magruder who waits on you thinks himself entitled to the appointmt of Lieut. from the Resignation of Mr William Pyles of the first of June last, which I hope you will be Pleas'd to Grant him

I would thank your Excellency to give Mr Magruder an order for what State Stores we are allow'd as we are in much want of these Articles and out of the way of supplies

[Sam. Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee] December 5

Sir I had the Honor to receive the Presidents Letter of the 3d Ult. & presume I direct right when I address your Excelly I am much obligd by the Terms offer'd the Brigs Cato & do accept them presuming they are the same given to others. I think the state may with propriety Claim any prizes taken on the outward passage, as it has one Third Interest in Ship & Cargo, but on the return when her

December 5 property will be scarce one sixth is not the Article hard which Claims one third. I flatter myself your Excell^{y} will see this in the Light I do & alter it before the Brig sets sail.

The time before the Ice generally sets in, is so short, that it would be in vain to attempt loading her by immediate purchase. I have therefore borrow'd the flour & flatter myself the Treasury will be soon Capable of furnishing the Money to replace Should there be Tobacco Notes in the Treasury, I Hope we shall have a preference to them before other Claimes

December 6 [Wm. Herbert, Alexandria, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir Cap^{n} Conway being from Home, I Have the Honour To Acknowledge the rec^{t} of your Excellency's Letter to him of 1st Ins^{t} by Jeremiah Clifford, from whome M^{rs} Conway Rec^{d} (for your Acc^{t}) the sum of £24784..7..6 Your Curr^{y} for which he has got her Rec^{t}

On Examining the Bundles I found a Deficiency of five hundred & Seventy five Dollars in N° 13, the list of which you have inclosed, By it I Expect you will be Able to find out the Person who paid it you As these are the Initial letters of his name marked thereon. I have made notes of the Error in the Margin of the List, but least they might not be sufficiently Explained, have added a Copy at Bottom

Instead of 29 Bills @ 50 but 28 9 d° @ 45 but 2 54 d° @ 30 but 47

December 6 [Wm Whitely, Caroline County, to Governor and Council recommends Philip Carson to succeed the deceased commissary of purchases for that county.]

December 7 [Rich'd Mason, Caroline County, to Gov. Lee.]

S^{r} Our number of Magistrates in this County is reduced to six and them not well situated in the County to do the Business, and as we sopose your Excelency to be onacquainted with the People of this County we did at our last Court since the Deth of M^{r} Potter consult one another who we should recommend to be aded to the Commission that would best answer the purpose of doing the Publick business of the County and did agree that if M^{r} Thomas Goldsborough should meet with your Excelencys and Honours approbation, to have him first mentioned in the Commission and Mess^{rs} Thomas Nowell Zebulon Potter and Joseph Dugless to be aded to those allready in the Commission

December 8 [David Poe, Balt. to His Excellency Governor Lee.]

Sir If your Excellency has now on Hand the Tobacco that you had in the Warehouse at this place, when I last had the Honour of

seeing you, I can, I believe Dispose of it for Cash. Provided the Price do not exceed fifty pounds, they being so very light, will not Command a price equal to Heavy Tobacco. in case your Excellency think the price will answer, and you would please to send me the notes by the Bearer, I will pay the Cash on your order December 8

[T. Donnellan Baltimore, to Gov. Lee] December 8
Red Book No. 26 Letter No. 68

S^r^ Am under the necessity of Requesting that your Excellency will be pleased to Grant me a Supply of Cash.

The Sum I had was not sufficient to discharge the Demands then against me, which are since very considerably augmented by Bakers, Coopers, Inspectors & Laborers Acco^ts^ all urging for payment.

[U. Forrest, Aud. Gen'l, to Gov Lee, has appointed Henry Baker clerk and sends him to take the oath.] December 8

[George Dashiell, Somerset County, to Gov. Lee] December 8

Sir The inclosed deposition I received from Col^o^ Hooper the 5^th^ Ins^t^ with a request from him to apprehend the Bearer Joseph Whalland, who had removed from the Island where he formerly lived into my neighbourhood. Whaland came to my house this morning and on mentioning the matter to him declared his innocence, and willingness to appear before your Excellency. He removed from the Island about the middle of September, came and inform'd me that his boat had been taken by a party of the enemy and himself put in Irons & compeled to go in her, that on her return from up the bay the crew gave him the boat and dismissed him from their service He immediately came up Wicomico river rented a house and removed his family, and assured me that he never would live e[xpo]sed to the enemies cruisers during the continuance [of the w]ar offered his Service to go in and also to con[tribut]e toward building a barge to oppose them on this coast. The day before I rec^d^ Col^o^ Hooper's letter he came and inform'd me of a person who had been two cruises In the Cat and had return'd home wounded and [was one] of the witnesses to prove the fact upon him. From the whole of his conduct since his removal I was induced to believe that he was compell'd to go with the enemy. I have apprehended I. Bedsworth agreeable to your Excellencies direction and shall immediately send him to Annapolis. The Enemies cruisers have not interrupted us in this quarter since they were up the bay last, and from the best information that I can procure cant learn that they have been at the Islands since. I have a few of the militia on Duty but shall dismiss them as I dont apprehend they will be here again this season

The Deposition of Valentine Peyton of Stafford County in Virginia taken the 2^d^ Septem^r^ 1780 who being first sworn on the Holy

December 8 Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith That early in the Morning of Thursday last he was taken in a small Schooner Loaded with nine hh^{ds} of Tobacco off Poplar Island by a small Pilot Boat with a white Bottom that carries a Gib that the Boat was owned and Commanded by Joseph Whaland and manned with twelve men armed with Muskets, Cutlasses and Pistols that the Boat was without Guns

December 9 [Patrick Macgill, Elk Ridge Landing, to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr.]

Sir There has been two Gun Caridges upon my Warfe at this place ever since M^{r} Long moved them from Annapolis, If they are to be sold I will give the same price as such sold for at Baltimore Fort at Vendue, there is a number of the Irons stole from them since they came here if it is agreeable I will remitt the Cash for them by the first safe hand

December 11 [Don'l Yeates, Elk, to Gov. Lee.]

Hon^{d} Sir having informed you of my situation in the Quarter Masters department in regard to forage, I was in hopes as the Gen^{l} Assembly is setting of meeting assistance; still in hopes a Supply may be procured; the situation I am in obliges me to renew my application; I am informed the State supplys is all the dependance; I have not rec^{d} any short forage or pay from this State tho' the season is thus far Advanced, the Perishable part of the property now in my Possession is suffering much for want. on the draught horses the business of forwarding the Stores and provisions both to the Northern and Southern Armys solely depends; much business is now required in transporting Stores to the southw^{d} by Orders from M. G. Green; I am entirely out of forage at this Post and Baltimore where there is the greatest necessity of supplying the waggons passing on to Alexandria. Permit me to Appeal to you for your Aid and Assistance in this matter. I am Apprehensive owing to the want of money and other dificulties that it won't be in my Power ere long to forward the flow'r and other Provisions unless I can gain forage soon; to keep up the teams and Supply some Private teams willing to hire if forage is found them. Agreeable to your directions I have forwarded all the cattle that has been delivered me; but have been Embarrased in the delivery in Philad^{a} on acco^{t} of the Cattle coming in poor and unfit for present Use Col^{o} Hollingsworth informed me he had orders not to deliver on terms of discrimination at this Post, the Board of Warr has taken up this matter; and ordered all that is unfit for use to be disposed of, as not being Agreable to the requisition of supply for this State I have Just rec^{d} twenty two head that came in from S^{t} Marys County all Poor I refer you to Col^{o} Hollingsworth for a report of them

[Jon Hudson Balt. to Gov. Lee] December 13

Dear Sir I am sorry to Trouble you so often for the money Due me, but as Real Necessity obliges me once more to make applycation I hope it will be more in your Power to pay to Mr John Mure Six or Seven Thousand Pounds of Contl money, If you Cannot, I understand you.have a Quantity of Havannah Segars on hand wch I am willing to take for the Ballance & as my money has been due ever since last Spring I hope you will Regulate the price of your sugar to what it was at that time & Acquaint me thereof by return of Mr Vanweke who will deliver you this letter

[Dan'l Carroll, Baltimore to Gov. Lee.] December 14

Sir Mr Calhoun informs me that Donnellan has in his possession abt 400 Bushells of Public Salt, & that Country Salt can be purchased for £75 p Bushl I have told him that the Waggons might be expected from Frederick in a few days & that he or Mr Donnellan probably wou'd receive yr directions by the Post.

The French Consul & his Deputy are out of Town & I have not obtained any satisfactory information of Monsr Tusson Their is one of that name who lately removed from this place living at Hagars Town as I have had some conversation with Mr Solters & desired him to make an enquiry on the Subject of Mr Tussons letter.

I am afraid Mr Randall will not be able to lay out more than £40 or 50 thousd pounds. He has sold the Baltimore Town Tobacco at £65 p Ct & 4 p Ct the Kent Island Tobo at £60 & 4 p ct & some on Putuxent (the upper warehouse) at the same price.

[Wm. McLaughlin, Baltimore Town to Gov. Lee] December 14

Sr I had the Honour of receiving your Excellency's Letter of the 22d of November Last, wherein your Excellency desired me to Suspend the Collecting of Taxes from the Subjects of the King of France residing in this Town, untill the determination of the Honourable House of Assembly was known on this Subject. I have strictly adhered to your Excellency's Instructions, altho' I stand Charged with their Accounts and the Commissioners of the Tax for this County are about to Close my Acct I therefore humbly hope that your Excellency will be so good (as soon as may be Convenient) as to give orders that the Sense of the House on this Subject be Transmitted to me, or further Instructions how I am to Proceed in this Matter.

[James Wood, Frederick Town, to Gov. Lee.] December 15

Sir Since my Arrival here, I have been employed with Mr Murdock and Mr Johnson in making Provision for the Troops, and expect the first Division of them in today, we find Great Difficulty

December 15 in geting workmen or Tools to do any thing to the Barracks, for want of money, the sherif being unable to answer any part of the Draughts on him. M^r^ Murdoch thinks it will be morally impossible to make any considerable Purchases on Credit. as soon as I get the Troops Tolerably fixed, I think it will be Necessary for me to go to Virginia, in order to forward the Purchase of Beef and Pork. I am sensible of the Politeness and attention I met with at your Hon^ble^ Board, for w^ch^ I beg leave to Offer my acknowledgements.

December 15 [Mark Alexander to Gov. Lee recommends the appointment of Job Garritson as sheriff of Baltimore County in place of Joseph Baxter, resigned, as he is a " sober, indousterus man and very attentive to whatever buisness he undertakes." He has a good estate and will be able to give " sufficient sureties."]

December 15 [John Hall Caile, Dorchester County, to Gov. Lee.]

Sir As the season for the purchase of Pork is at hand & I have not yet had the honor of receiving any instructions from you respecting that very necessary commodity I beg leave to request you will inform me by the earliest opportunity whether I must endeavour to procure any and at the same time permit me to give you my sentiments on the occasion From the best information I can receive & which I have been at some trouble to acquire there is not any considerable quantity to be sold from the real scarcity of Hogs but I have observed that at this time of the year the people generally make complaints that contribute to raise the price & as frequently without foundation however I am induced to believe there hardly ever was more occasion than at present.

I likewise take the liberty to inform you that I think it probable a quantity of Corn might be bought in this County the Crop being in general exceeding good & the only difficulty that I apprehend wou'd attend a purchase of that article or even Pork is the prevailing on the people to receive money of the new emissions in payment. shou'd you think it necessary for me to attempt purchasing either of these articles or Peas Beans or oats or any of them you will be pleased to send me your instructions respecting the prices I may be allowed to give, and also furnish me with Cash being well assured nothing can be done without prompt payment. The late Commissary purchased a quantity of Wheat with the money he was furnished with for that purpose it is now on hand I shou'd be glad to know if you want to have it manufactured or in what other manner it is to be disposed of I need not remark to your Excellency how indispensably necessary it is in order to make an extensive purchase to begin early, Private Purchasers are allready busied in the purchase of Pork with a View probably of hereafter making a profit on from the publick. Should your Excellency be inclined to instruct

me to purchase any of the before mentioned Articles I think there is no Time to be lost December 15

The following are the prices now current for such Articles as I presume will be wanting for the Army: Pork 50s per H^{d} Fatted Beef 33/4 per H^{d} Corn 12/6 per Barrell Oats 2/6 per Bus^{hl} Peas & Beans @ 6s per bushell. The Sales are now in hard money most generally whether the new Emission will gain a circulation at some determinate Standard Value seems at present doubtfull.

[Chas. Blake, Corsica, to Gov. Lee.] December 16

Sir I rec^{d} the 111 notes sent by y^{r} Ex^{cy} which I have disposed of at 55 and 4 p^{r} C^{t} for the Cash have rec^{d} 45000 pound and expect the rest this week. I am endeavoring to lay it out as orderd but find pork extreemly scarce and very high. I shall be very glad to receive a farther supply of the New State money to pay for Wheat rec^{d} and as people seem to give it better creditt than before should be glad to have a sum to be ready to take the advantage of any contract that may be offer'd I yesterday lost 400 bus: for want of Cash as to Creditt, I cannot gett one bus. for that. As our Members will soon be returning hope y^{r} Ex. will make use of the oppertunity of transmitting any sum you may think proper to me which shall be applied to the best advantage.

The order drawn in favour of M^{r} Hemsley has been duly paid

[James Wood, Frederick Town, to Gov. Lee.] December 17

Sir I am Desired by Brigadier General Hamilton, to request that your Excellency will Permit their Paymaster General M^{r} David Geddes, to go occasionally to Baltimore, in order to Dispose of their Bills of Exchange: this I consider as a matter of which your Hon^{ble} Board are the sole Judges; therefore I shall only add, that M^{r} Geddis has been Perfectly uniform in his Conduct since the convention Troops have been under my Direction, and that I am fully Persuaded he wou'd not abuse any Indulgence you may think Proper to grant him.

[Sam Smith, Annapolis, to Gov. Lee.] December 17

I Have a very fine New Brig nearly ready for Sea. She will Carry from 1000 to 1200 B^{bles} flour will mount 12 Six pounders, She is prim Sailer, & shall in every Respect be compleatly fitted & found. She is now ready to take in her Cargo. I wish to freight her on the Terms heretofore given by this state which I understand to be, to allow me 5 ℔ C^{t} for purchasing the Cargo for which purpose I must be supplied with Money, The Brig. to be allow'd one Half the flour for Carrying the other. I obliging myself to bring one Half a Cargo Home freight free

December 18 [William McBryde to Gov. Lee.]

Hon. Sir I Received yours the 14th & you may Rely on my Doing every thing in my power to Promote the Common Intent but am very sorry to Inform you, it is impossible for any man to Purchase Provision here without hard money Speedily, and not much with that, as I never knew so Great a Scarcity of Pork in this & Worcester County, the Price ask'd here is 60s. pr Hundred hard money, & all that has been Sold to speak of, has Cost 40s. & 45s. tho' the Greater part Chooses Rather to Salt than Take even 45s. However I have Offered Tobacco & as farr as £200 pr Hundred, but has not yet found a man that will Take Continentall, at Least, they must see the money before they will let the Pork go, as they say they have been bitt too often that way, by letting there effects go, & not getting the money for 2 or 3 Weeks, & when they get it, had Depreciated ½ its value, therefore I Dont expect to Purchase any Quantity Till I get Cash, I have engaged about 2 or 3m Weight Corn fed Beef & have this day Received Part of it @ 4d pr ℔ hard money or the Exchange of 90 for one, to be paid in 3 Weeks from yesterday, & to pay which I Please, I shall Likewise engage Pork for 45s at the same Exchange, if I Can get it, should these prices appear to be too high, Please to inform me, & will Take what I Purchase at their Prices on my own Acct & afterwards Purchase what I Can at the Price you may Limitt me to, my Reason for mentioning this is, having no Price mentioned to me, & should I be higher than the Other Purchasers, would Rather Loose on it, than Suffer the Publick to Loose by it, as I ought Rather to be too Low, than Two High, as to wheat, or Wheat Flower, none will be got hear of any Acct, there is a Good Crop of Corn, & Peas & may be got on Pretty good Terms if Bought soon, Especially if the Taxes were to be Collected, but the Collectors are so Careless that I have never yet got Paid of that Sm: order, you gave me on the Sheriff of Worcester, tho' have applyed Sundry Times for it, I have sent up by Capt Midletons 12 Barrels of Pork Purchased by Coll° Jo: Dashiel, & 19 D° & Bacon, by Mr Jackson & 2 Barrells Flower from myself, & all I had to Spare, Pray Dont let me be Longer without money, than 3 Weeks, as I could not wish to be worse than my word, the new money will not do for that, nor in short they will not Take it, Till forced, neither will any I have yet Talked with, Take Tobacco, if you Could Possibily send down some hard money, Can buy for that when nothing else will do.

P. S. I do Imagine Corn now might be got for 150s. & Peas 40 Dollars tho' am not shure

December 20 [John McKay to Gov. Lee.]

Dear Sir This is to inform you that my Leg has got so bad that I Dont know What to Do with it and I shall be obliged to spend what

Little I have to Live upon if your Honour is not so good and the gentlemen of the Council as to take it in Consideration and assist me in paying the Doctor for if your honours thought fit to send me to hospital Again I had Rather Die than go their again you may think that I Drink so that I Cannot be Cur'd but I Declear that I never Do Drink any Spiritual Liquor Since I had this misfortune the Doctor sais he Can Cure me in A very Little time to put me in A salivation and all the Doctors in America Cannot with out So Sir I never Desire any other assistance from the United States if your honours is so good as to help me that way and Sir please to send me A Letter whether you will or Not for I am Not Able to Come to you Sir Doctor Roberson is to Do it whether you send me Any word of assistance or Not but I had much Rather if y^r^ honour thought proper to help me A Little for I shall be obliged to pay the Doctor all my self Sir if you please send me word soon December 20

[Jesse Hollingsworth, Alexandria, to Gov. Lee.] December 21

Sir I Arived at this Place this morning to Breakfast, Aquainted Colonall How of your Design, But he told me that his & Cap^t^ Conaways Brigs have gone to See, Cap^t^ Yellot has Been Very busy this Day Preparing to Go Down the River, But thinks his situation at Present Rather Precarious, as most of his People have Gon for Baltimore By land, No more then 13 now on bord out of 30, so that Capt Yellot thinks he Will Bee Obligd to Act on the Defensive But if Any thing in his Power to Scare Or take the Enemy in the Bay, as he goes up he Will Do all he Can With Safty to him Self and Vesell, But there Seems nothing here to Bee With him he Leaves this Place Without fail To Morrow Morning, if the Winde Dont Prevent

[Jno Dorsey, Baltimore to Gov. Lee] December 21
Red Book No. 126 Letter No. 69

Sir I received by an express this morning your Excellencys letter of yesterday informing of the Enemys Privateers being in our Bay.

In answer to your Excellencys request I beg leave to inform that the Schooner Nautilus being Loaded, is now Shipping her men for the voyage, and will, I hope, be ready to proceed down the Bay in company with any other armed Vessel w^ch^ your excellency may be able to get. As to the Fox so much work has and will be necessary to repair the damages received in her last voyage that I do not expect she will be ready before the middle or last of next week to move from this on any occasion; when, as she will be also Loaded, I will chearfully consent to her cruising a few days in the Bay in company with other vessels so as not to loose the convoy of the other vessels now in this Port bound to the Havana.

M^r^ Stephen Steward, with whom I have had some conversation on the subject, tells me he will fit out and man the Porpus for the pur-

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pose you request And M[r] William Neil has a Brig of 6 Sixes & 8 four pound Guns with Muskets Pikes &c compleat which he tells me he will sell to the State very cheap. She is new, only made one voyage, and esteemed a very fine Vessel

December 22

[William Hyde to Gov. Lee]

Then came Elija Sturgis before me one of the Justices for Ann Arundel County and made Oath that on Tuesday the 19[th] of the present Month, on his way up the Bay he was attacked and captured near Sharpe's Island by an armed vessel called the Suky commanded by a certain James Ridley, That he was landed on Sharpe's Island and staid on Shore all Night in Company with the Captain and Lieutenant of the above mentioned Privateer at the House of one Crier. That during his Stay among the Enemy he saw several of the Islanders bartering with them giving Provision for Salt but cannot recollect the Names of any them

December 22

[John Smith Brookes, Upper Marlbro, to The Hon[ble] The Governor & Council.]

Gentlemen Having for some time past been without any of your commands, I am much at a loss to satisfy the enquirys of many of the neighbours of this place and inhabitants of the County, who have Beef, Pork, Corn &c for sale; and have therefore taken the liberty to pray your directions on that head.

I have for these several years past purchased and cured at this place, from twenty to thirty thousand weight of meat equal, if not superior, to any raised in this state; many parts of the County abound pork, so that I should immagine not less then Sixty thousand weight of meat might now be had, and more had the purchase began at the usual time

I pointed out in a former letter the necessaty for ordering the Commissarys to engage a number of Barrels, but never had your answer on the matter, much difficulty I fear would now attend these being had & a very great risque attends the meat laying over a proper time in Bulk. I shall allways with great pleasure and thankfulness execute any commands you are pleased to Honour me with

December 23

[Stephen Steward to the Council.]

Honnebell Gentellmen Plese Let M[r] Joseph Easman have the one Hundred Pounds of New muny I have now an oppertunity of Parting with it and agree to take it now @ 80 ℔ C[t] as I promised

NB I had a letter from Stephen he tels me the Sloop will be Redy to Com Down tomorrow I shuld be Glad to Com up when she is at Anapolis as I want to se the Captain to Give him some little Instructions as to the Sloop as I am better aquanted with the Bay

then he is I am In hopes Captain Martain will be over to go In her as he is the Best Pilot In the Bay December 23

[Henry Hollingsworth and Gabriel Peterson Vanhorn To his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee and the Honourable Council.] December 23

The Memorial of Henry Hollingsworth and Gabriel Peterson Vanhorn humbly sheweth.

That your Memorialists appointed by your Excellency And Honours in the month of June 1780 to Employ Express riders With good & sufficient horses for the speedy Conveyance of Dispatches from Harford Town to Philadelphia.

Strict Attention has been paid to the Requisition Horses were Immediately Provided, and Riders furnished with Every necessary so that this part of the Line has been able fully to Comply with every Duty Required

Your Memorialists therefore Beg leave to observe that the Every Exertion has been made on their Part to Compleat with Effect the Above Line (of Express) there Appears not Least Provision Made for the Support of that necessary Department. They Entreat Your Excellency & Honours Indulgence on this Subject, as A Variety of Causes, Renders the Business Expensive at Present, & The Season so far advanced, that they Expect an Aditional Expence Exacted from them by the Proprietors of the Different Ferries. this With the Probable Misfortunes attending those places in winter Season Render it necessary in the Opinion of Your Memorialists that a Pirmanent & fixed Price should be spedily Ascertained, Enabling your Memorialists Properly to State their Amounts & Prepare them for Settlement. No Doubts Arise but there will be allowed A Generous & satisfactory Compensation for the Service. But they beg for an Imediate Decision thereof.

[Adamson Tannehill, Captain Command'g Md. Corps, Fort Pitt, to Gen'l Smallwood.] December 25

Sir From the late Resolve of Congress for new modeling the Army I find that all the seperate light Corps (except those particularly mentioned) are to be reduc'd the first day of January next; The Officers to retire on half Pay, and the non Commiss^{d} Officers and Soldiers to be annexed to the Regiments of the States they respectively belong.

I have the Honor of Commanding the Corps formerly Commanded by L^{t} Col^{o} Moses Rawlings, which is Stationed at this place, and as it has been so unfortunate and unjustly dealt by, as not to be annexed to the Line of the State of Maryland, It is now look'd upon as a seperate Light Corps belonging to that State and of Consequence reduced the 1st day of January. I have but one Officer with

December 25 me belonging to the Corps and the Commanding officer of this Department orders him and myself to retire from the Corps, the last of this month, leaving the Men without any officer of the State of Mary[d] to Command them. I shall do every thing in my Power to keep them together till I have some instructions respecting them. Therefore have sent your Honor a return of the Corps, Likewise of the Officers, and make no doubt but that you will be pleas'd to give me instructions respecting the Corps, as I shou'd be happy in obeying your orders in Marching the Corps from this Department if, I cou'd be taken into the Maryland Line, and from your known goodness and your knowledge of the injustice having been done the officers of the Corps, beg leave to Solicit your Interest in geting me annexed to the Maryland Line as I have a great desire of Continuing in the Service of my Country; My distant and remote situation renders it out of my Power to make Personal application to continue in the Service

December 26 [Pat. Sim Smith to Gov. Lee.]

Dear Sir You will herewith receive two Prisoners Peter Laurence and William Follett. they belong to the Schooner Sukey a privateer from New York Commanded by a Captain Ridley. they were put on board a prize Schooner from the Eastern Shore called the Vienna, loaded with Corn & plank, Laurence was prize Master and was carrying the Prize to New York when the Crew raised retook Her & brought her into Patuxent. I have to request you will take charge of them & either Convey them to Annapolis & deliver them to the Governor & Council, or put them in the care of some officer for that purpose. I hope this may be done without delay

December 29 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee, Esqr. in Council]

Gentlemen On my return to this place I found some Wheat and Flour in motion, which is detained untill your further orders, as it could not be ceized with propriety, the Wheat being on the way to the Mills (for manufacturing, and the Flour on its way to market, the owners being intirely unacquainted with the Law, which they now appear disposed to comply with, it do not strike me that they are culpable, or the wheat or Flour seizable by the Law, further then to Stop it. shall meet my coleagues the commiss[rs] of this county to morrow to see if any thing further can be done, the Result of which shall inform your Excellency and Honors of; last night came to this Village Colł: William Montgomery a Member of the Assembly of Pennsylvania, of him I have obtained the Inclosed Paper, with the Bill for Exporting Flour from Philad[a] (under certain easy restrictions) as it is likely the General Assembly are not yet risen I have taken the liberty of forwarding the Act, as early as in my power.

[Sam. Smith Balt. to Gov Lee] December 29

The Cato will be loaded to Morrow. She will have between 950 & 1000 B^{bles} on Board, on Saturday Morning I shall go down with Capt Weeks for his Commission of Marque & flatter myself your Excell^{y} will have all orders ready that no Detention may be, as a Day at this Season is very precious.

[Pat. Sim Smith, Calvert, to Gov. Lee.] December 29

Sir I had the Honor of writing you sometime past by our Post, respecting the wheat purchased by me in this County, but not receiving an answer I fear my letter may have miscarried

Have therefore now to inform you that my purchase amounts to upwards of six hundred bushells, about Two hundred and fifty Bushells of which has been manufactured at Col^{o} Fitzhugh's Mill One hundred Bushells stored on the Bay, and the residue lies on Patuxent River ready to be taken off, but the Colonel being without a Miller declines collecting it for the present.

He informs me there are upwards of Thirty Barrells of Superfine flour now ready at the Mill & some Barrells of Seconds, and recommends strongly to have it taken off as it lays very dangerous there the Enemy being frequently in and about the mouth of Patuxent.

I wish to be informed if I am to continue purchasing, I have wheat offered me but no Cash to pay for it, If I am to Continue Hope I shall be supplied either by an order on the Sheriff or otherwise. Am in want of about a thousand pounds to comply with my present contracts and as the Sheriff of our County has money in his hands of both the 15 ℔ cent & 10 ℔ cent collections must beg I may be furnished with an order on him for that sum by the first Conveyance

[Edward Giles to Gov. Lee asks commission in new regiment.] No date

[Signals by which vessels from the Potomac may be known. In the night a light hoisted at the flag staff and in the day a Union flag at the foretop.]

PROCEEDINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OF THE

COUNCIL OF MARYLAND

November 13, 1780–November 13, 1781.

1780 November 13 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 1

On the second Monday in November and thirteenth Day of the same Month the General Assembly of Maryland agreeable to the Constitution and Form of Government proceeded to the choice of a Governor and Thomas Sim Lee Esquire was unanimously re-elected. His Excellency was Qualified in presence of both Houses of the Legislature by taking, repeating and Subscribing the several Oaths required and making and subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion.

November 14

Tuesday following the 14th Day of November the General Assembly made Choice of the following Gentlemen as Council to the Governor. The Honorable Daniel Carroll, James Brice, John H. Stone, Jeremiah T. Chase and Samuel T. Wright Esquires.

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[Council to Mr Ignatius Wheeler, Samuel Lee, Henry Hollingsworth, Samuel Gilpin, & John Cockey.]

The Assembly having determined that the Horses which shall be adjudged proper for the Purpose for which they were purchased, shall be immediately sent forward to the Southern Army, and those not within that Description, to be sold under the Direction of the Council and myself, I have therefore to request you immediately to send forward, to this Place, all you have in your Possession, that the Resolution of the Legislature may forthwith be carried into Execution agreeable to its spirit and Intention.

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Wednesday 15th November 1780

Daniel Carroll and James Brice Esquires appeared and Produced Certificates of their Qualification and took their Seats accordingly.

November 16

Thursday 16th November 1780

John H. Stone and Jeremiah T. Chase Esquires elected Members of the Council to the Governor attended, produced Certificates of their Qualification and took their Seats.

November 16 This Board have purchased of Capt. William Richardson one hundred and eighty seven Bushels of Country made Salt at ninety Pounds per Bushel.

Ordered that the Issuing Commissarys of this State furnish Captain Edward West a British Prisoner of War on his way to Philadelphia for the purpose of being Exchanged with Provisions.

November 16
Liber No. 78 p. 1

[Council to Daniel Hughes, Esq.]

The Bearer Edward West, a Prisoner on Parole, as appears by a Pass from General Gates, has applied to us for some Assistance to enable him to reach Philadelphia. We have advised him to call on you, in Hopes it may be in your Power to have him exchanged for Mr Abraham Van Bibber.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt. Richard Conway]

We have been favored with yours of the 15th Inst. by Mr Herbert, and are truly sorry to inform you that it is not in our Power to pay you the Money due, agreeable to Contract, though every Step has been taken to procure it which promised success. We have informed Mr Herbert of our Prospects of a supply in a few Days and have engaged to have the payment made in Alexandria by the 24th Inst without putting you to further Expence or Trouble than the present Disappointment necessarily occasions.

November 17
Liber C. B No. 24 p. 1

Friday 17th November 1780

Permission granted to William Dunster of Queen Anns County to solicit Leave from His Excellency General Washington to go into New York for the Purpose of obtaining a Passage to Great Britain.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Hannah May Five Dollars of the new Emission in lieu of seventy five Pounds due her per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker six hundred Pounds due him per acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Williams Two thousand nine hundred Pounds Contl and one hundred and fifty Pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to Doctr Henry Schnebely Contractor for Horses &ca in Washington County on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire one hundred Pounds of the new Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain John Rudulph six hundred and thirty Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo John Dorsey Thirty seven hhds of Tobacco weighing thirty three thousand one hundred and twelve Pounds at Fifty Pounds & four p Cent

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Two Pounds and Eight Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Eighty one Pounds seven shillings and six Pence due him per account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud. November 17 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 1

That the said Treasurer pay to David Poe Esq^{r} Twenty one Pounds, five shillings & seven pence half penny in lieu of Eight hund^{d} & fifty one Pounds, five shillings for the use of James Taylor and nine Pounds in lieu of three hund^{d} & sixty Pounds for the use of Gilbert Jackson p acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. G^{l}

Thomas Johnson Jun^{r} appointed Clerk to the Governor and Council and Qualified by taking the several Oaths required by the Constitution and Laws of this State Certificate thereof produced & filed. p. 2

[Council to Mr. Henry Schenebely] November 17 Liber No. 78 p. 1

We have appointed Col^{o} Rawlings to examine the Waggons and Horses obtained by you, agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly. When he has made his Report to you, we request you to send to this Place, those Waggons and Horses except such as we have already desired you to let him have, he shall judge fit for Service, and that you dispose of the others at public Sale, or have the Waggons repaired, he may think most to the Advantage of the State. We send by M^{r} Williams £150 of the new Emission, and desire you will inform us of the Names of those Persons whose Horses shall be found unfit for Service.

[Council to Colo. Moses Rawlings.] p. 2 Ibid.

We enclose a Resolve of the General Assembly and hereby appoint you to carry it into Execution. We have directed Mess^{rs} Schenebely and Shryock to afford you an Opportunity of examining the Horses and Waggons obtained by them, when that is done, please to make a Report to them agreeable to the Directions in the Resolve.

[Council to Mr. Henry Shryock.] Ibid.

We have appointed Col^{o} Rawlings to examine the Horses obtained by you, agreeable to the Resolve of the General Assembly. When he has made his Report to you, we request you to send to this Place, the Horses he shall judge fit for Service, and that you dispose of the others at public Sale, and desire you to inform us of the Names of those Persons whose Horses shall be found unfit for Service

Saturday 18th November 1780

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esquire Two thousand Pounds in part of the sum lent by him to this State. November 18 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 2

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That the said Treasurer pay to David Poe four hundred and forty one Pounds, five shillings for the use of George Poe ꝑ account passed by the Depʸ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Harwood Eight thousand, eight hundred and sixty three Pounds one shilling and five pence to be delivered over to John Bullen on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junʳ nine thousand Pounds to be forwarded to the Honorable George Plater, John Hanson and John Henry Esquires each three thousand Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Dorsey Esquire Five thousand Pounds to be by him delivered over to Capt William Richardson on Account of Salt purchased of him by the Governor and Council to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Poe Esquire one thousand Pounds due him for the like sum lent by him in May last

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway six hundred and twenty five Pounds due him ꝑ account passed by the Aud. Genˡ

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Rudulph of Maj. Lee's Corps one thousand and twelve pounds ten shillings in lieu of thirty pair of Shoes allowed thirty men the Maryland part of Majʳ Lee's Corps by the Act of Assembly of this State in 1777. six hundred Pounds in lieu of thirty pair of Stockings allowed by the same Act, and also the further sum of Six hundred Pounds, the Gratuity allowed the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the said Corps by the " Act relating to the Officers and soldiers of this State in the American Army and other purposes therein mentioned " agreeably to a Resolution of June 1780

That the said Treasurer pay to the Hoñble George Plater Esquire one hundred and three Pounds and Eleven Pence of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Stevenson Two pounds, fifteen shillings and seven Pence of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and Eleven pounds, three shillings and six Pence for the use of Colº Thomas Gist ꝑ Accᵗ passed by the Aud. Genˡ

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Middleton Twenty four Pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence of the same Emission in lieu of nine hundred and ninety nine Pounds, fourteen shillings and six pence due him per account passed by the Depʸ Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Francis Revelly four Blankets for the use of the Crew of the Barge going down the Bay on an Expedition against the Enemy, to be returned.

That the Armourer deliver to the said Capt. Revelly Two Spantoons for the purpose aforesaid.

[Council to Col. Henry Hollingsworth.] November 18

Enclosed you have a Copy of our Letter of the 14th Inst since which we have determined to save the Expence and Trouble of bringing to this Place, the Horses and Waggons which are unfit for the Purpose for which they were purchased to have them sold where they are, and request of you to inspect the Horses and Waggons purchased and received from the Non-jurors, and those Horses and Waggons that are unfit for the Service, you will immediately dispose of, and such as are fit for the Service you will forward immediately to this Place. Such of the Waggons as are, at present, unfit and which may be made sufficient at a little Expence, had better be repaired and forwarded. You will make a Return of the Horses and Waggons condemned and of whom received. We have wrote Colo Yeates concerning the Cattle and would have you make him a Tender of them, should he again refuse t oreceive them, you will immediately inform us. We have sent by Giles £50 in the new Emission of this State and £150 Continental Money. Liber No. 78 p. 2

Sunday 19 November 1780 November 19

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wilmot Three hundred Pounds on account and also the further sum of six Pounds, fifteen shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and seventy one Pounds ten shillings due per Account passed by the Aud. Genl Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 2

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Giles one hundred and fifty Pounds Continental and Fifty Pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to Colo Henry Hollingsworth on Account. p. 3

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junr one hundred and eighty Pounds for forty eight pounds of Tallow purchased of Wells and Bash for the use of the State Boats Dolphin and Plater and also the further sum of Seventy three Pounds two shillings and six pence advanced by him to an Express going to the Calvert Militia when the Enemy were up Patuxent.

[Council to Commodore James Tibbet.] November 19

The Fleet under your Command, consisting of the Brig Cato, Schooner Nautilus, and the two State Boats, are to cruise down the Bay, to protect the Trade of the State and defend the Inhabitants thereof, most exposed to the Depredations of the Enemy. As the Continuance of the Cruise, and the Manner of conducting your Operations against the Enemy must depend on Events or Circumstances that cannot possibly be foreseen, you must be governed therein by your own Judgment and Discretion. Should the Enemy appear to be standing up the Bay in Force, you are to dispatch one Liber No. 78 p. 2

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of the Boats to us to advise us of it, and of every other material Occurrence, we expect to be informed through the same Channel.

With full Confidence in your Zeal, Activity and Abilities, we have no Doubt of your conducting, the Force under your Command in the Manner best calculated to answer the Ends proposed. We wish you Safety and Success and are &ca

Ibid.

[Council to Donaldson Yeates, Esqr., D. Q. M.]

Colo Hollingsworth informs us that both the Quartermaster and Commissary refuse to receive the Cattle which this State has forwarded to the Head of Elk. This Matter appears to us of so much Importance that we have thought proper to lay his Letter with the Enclosures before the General Assembly but as the Public must Suffer considerably by any Delay we request you to receive and forward the Cattle which Mr Hollingsworth may deliver. A Resolve of Congress of the 25th February last, directs that the Articles required, be collected and deposited or delivered at the Risque of the respective States, in such Places within each State respectively as the Commander in Chief shall judge most convenient, and we did not doubt but in a Matter of such Importance, a Person would have been appointed by Congress or the Quartermaster General, for that Purpose as the Head of Elk was the Place to which much the greatest Part of the Provisions was to be forwarded, agreeable to General Washington's Directions. We were further induced to conclude that this appointment had taken Place, as Provisions of other Kinds have been received and forwarded by a Continental Officer.

November 20 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 3

Monday 20th November 1780

Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Commodore Tibbet two hundred three pound shot and two British Flags and also to Capt. William Middleton of the Dolphin twenty five pound powder, one quire Car Paper, ten pikes and four doz. swivel shot. to Capt. Gilbert Middleton of the Plater, twenty pound Cannon & five pound Musket powder, eight pikes and one Quire Cartridge paper on account and to Capt. Francis Revelly five Canteens on account.

That the Commissary of stores deliver to Commodore Tibbet six pair of Slops to Capt Francis Revelly three Camp Kettles and also to Lieut John Carr of the third Regt Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for two Shirts on Account

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Commodore Tibbet twelve Crews and Cane to Lieut James Mcfadon, Ten gallons of Rum, thirty two pounds of sugar and eighteen pounds of Coffee due him to the 31st October inclusive & to Lieut John Carr of the 3rd Regiment thirteen and an half Gallons of Rum and Twenty four and an half pounds of Coffee deficiency of Stores due to the 31st Octr inclusive.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut James M^{c}fadon Eight Pounds, eight shillings of the new Emission in lieu of Three hundred and thirty six Pounds ꝑ per accounts passed by the Aud. Gen^{l} November 20 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 3

That the said Treasurer pay to Onner Watkins five Dollars of the same Emission in lieu of seventy five pounds due her per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Benjamin Price sixty seven pounds ten shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munroe four hundred & fifty seven Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Carr of the 3rd Regiment Three pounds twelve shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and forty five pounds ten shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esq^{r} Fifteen Dollars of the new Emission and Five hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings Cont^{l} on Acc^{t}

That M^{r} Bullen, immediately Report the Condition of the Horses in his Care purchased for the State, agreeably to the directions of this Board heretofore given him that the Resolution of the General Assembly may be forthwith carried into Execution.

Commissions issued to Christopher Bermingham appointed Captain of the schooner Boat Liberty. William Quynn appointed surgeon to the Brig Cato, and James Kenner appointed Captain of the Schooner Egle.

Tuesday 21st November 1780 November 21 p. 4

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Vernon Hebb Five Pounds twelve shillings and three pence of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and Twenty four Pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Matthew Tilghman Esquire Seventeen Pounds ten shillings of the same Emission in lieu of Seven hundred Pounds due him ꝑ acc^{t} pass^{d} by the Aud^{r} Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hemsley Esquire Ten pounds, nine shillings and Eleven pence of the same Emission in lieu of four hundred and nineteen Pounds nineteen shillings and nine pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Cole four Pounds thirteen shillings of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and Eighty six Pounds due him per Account pass^{d} by the Aud^{r} General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Baker Fifty five Pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to Col^{o} James Hindman Contractor for Horses in Talbot County on Account.

November 21 Commissions issued to John Sybert 2nd Lieut. & Henry Gaither Ensign of Capt. David Gillespie's Company in the first Batt. of Militia in Washington County. to Charles Swearingen appointed Colº James Walling Lieut. Colº George Swingle Major Christº Orendorff Capt in the room of John Rennolds, William Walker 1st Lieut. Joseph Rennolds of John 2nd Lieut. James Crossley Ensign. Nicholas Mourer Capt. in the room of Geo Swingle, John Hawn 1st Lieut, Michael Stover 2nd Lieut, Frederick Plecker Ensign. Robert Smith Capt in the room of James Smith, Christian Eakle 1st Lieut, Peter Melott 2nd Lieut, Benjamin South Ensign. James Patterson Capt. in the room of James Walling, Perry McCoy 1st Lieutenant Joseph Drake 2nd Lieut, Robert Craten Ensign. Martin Billmyer Capt. in the room of Conrod Nichodemus, Michael Glosser 1st Lieut. Leonard Billmyer 2nd Lieut. belonging to the second Battalion of Militia in Washington County.

November 22

Wednesday 22nd November 1780

Liver C. B. No. 24 p. 4 Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Benjamin Allen Commr of the Schooner Success, 95 Tons burthen, navigated by 20 Men Mounting six Carriage Guns & 4 Swivels, belonging to Alexander McKim & others of Baltimore Town.

John Hall Caile is appointed Commissary of Purchases for Dorchester County in the room of John Caile Harrison deceased.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Mortimore thirty one Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence of the new Emission in lieu of Twelve hundred and Seventy Pounds due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Benjamin Price of the 2nd Regt nine Pounds, seven shillings and six pence of the same Emission on Account.

An order on the Collector of the Tax for Somerset County in favor of Henry Jackson Esqr Commissary of the said County for Two thousand Pounds issued the 28th of August last and is this Day returned.

Benjamin Jones and William Richardson of the Matrosses in Baltimore are hereby Discharged being unfit for Duty.

November 22

[Council to the General Assembly.]

Liber No. 78 p. 3 The Office of Register of Wills for Montgomery County became vacant in the Recess of the General Assembly, by the Resignation of Mr Thomas Johns, and according to the Constitution and Form of Government, I have, with the Advice of the Council appointed Mr Samuel Turner, to hold that Office, until the Meeting of the General Assembly

[Council to John Hall Caile, Comms^{ry} for Dor. County] Note Vide Circular Let. of the 5th July last

We are informed that there are a Number of Cattle in Dorchester County purchased for the State by the late Commissary of that County; if they are in proper Condition, we request you will have them immediately slaughtered and salted. The Salt which the late M^{r} Harrison had, belonging to the Public, may be used for that Purpose.

[Council to the Delegates in Congress.] November 22 Liber No. 78 p. 4

In Consequence of the earnest Requisition of Congress to this State, to furnish immediately five hundred Head of neat Cattle for the Army, we directed our Commissaries to purchase what Cattle could be procured and forward them to the Head of Elk, one of the Posts appointed by the Commander in Chief for depositing some other of the Articles required by the Resolutions of the 25th Feb^{ry} last, and the most convenient in this State for Delivery to the Continental Officer. We are informed by Col^{o} Hollingsworth, that M^{r} Yeates and M^{r} Ramsay the only Continental Officers at the Head of Elk, have refused to receive and forward the Cattle to the Army, alledging it to be no Part of the Business of their respective Departments and that he has, for want of Money, been obliged to sell some of them to buy Provision to support and keep the Rest alive. We could not expect, after Cattle were procured for the immediate Subsistence of the Army, and driven to the Verge of the State to be delivered to the Officer of Congress, that we should have had any further Difficulties to encounter. It is out of our Power to send them on, being neither provided with Persons nor Money to defray the Expence that must be incurred on that Account

It is unnecessary to suggest the Evils to you, which must inevitably arise, unless Continental Officers are stationed at the Places assigned or pointed out by the Commander in Chief for receiving and forwarding the specific Articles of supplies to be furnished by the State, or some facile and ready Mode to convey them to Camp, is adopted. The Sufferings of the Army upon that and every Occasion, induced us to exert ourselves to the utmost to comply with the Demands on us for their Relief and it excites no small uneasiness to find our Designs frustrated and the Army thereby deprived of the Subsistence provided for them, by the Neglect of those whose peculiar Province it is to convey Supplies to the Camp

[Council to the Chev'r D'Anmours Consul General of His Most Christian Majesty.] Ibid.

We were honored with your Address of the 17th Ins^{t} and think it very reasonable and just that the Subjects of the French King residing in this State should enjoy similar Privileges & Exemptions from Taxation and Military Duty to those with which the Ameri-

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cans in France are favored, and would most chearfully confer them if the Powers with which we are constitutionally vested, were competent to the Purpose, but as they are not, we have submitted the Subject to the Consideration of the General Assembly, the Result of whose Deliberation thereon, shall be communicated to you, as soon as it is made known to us. We have wrote to M^r^ M^c^Laughlin, the Collector of the Assessment in Baltimore Town, to suspend the Collection 'til the Determination of the Legislature is made known

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. William McLaughlin.]

We are informed by the Consul of France that many of the Subjects of the King of France residing in Baltimore Town, have been assessed, that they have refused to pay the Assessments, and that the Collector, to enforce Payment, is about to execute their Effects. This Subject will be laid before the Assembly in the Morning and we wish you would suspend the Collection, 'til their Resolution is known. If you apply to the Consul, he will point out the Persons he thinks ought to be exempted.

November 23 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 5

Thursday 23^rd^ November 1780

Ordered That the western shore Treasure pay to Thomas Lewis four Pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and Eighty seven Pounds, ten shillings due him per account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud^r^

That the said Treasurer pay to William J. Smith Assistant Surgeon of the 6^th^ Regiment four Pounds seventeen shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and ninety five Pounds due him ꝑ acc^t^ passed by the Dep^y^ Aud^r^

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to John Page fifty eight Pounds nineteen shillings of the same Emission in lieu of Two thousand three hundred and fifty eight Pounds one shilling and three pence due him ꝑ acc^t^ passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to William J. Smith surgeon's Mate of the 6^th^ Regm^t^ thirteen and an half Gallon of Rum and twenty two and an half pounds of Coffee deficiency of Stores to the 31^st^ Oct. inclusive

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said William J. Smith, Cloth and Trimmings sufficient for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts on Account.

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[Council to the President of Congress.]

We are honored with your Addresses of the 13^th^ 16^th^ and 17^th^ Instant enclosing several Acts of Congress, which we shall submit to the Consideration of the General Assembly now sitting. At the Request of General Gates, we have transmitted Copies of

[Council to Capt. George P. Keeports.]

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We shall be much obliged to you to purchase about 20^{lb} of brown Thread as will answer for making up soldier's Cloathing and send it down immediately directed for M^{r} Muir

Friday 24th November 1780.

November 24 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 5

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Brewer four Pounds of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and Sixty Pounds due him per acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^{r} James Murray Eighty Pounds of the same Emission on Account

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

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The urgent and pressing Necessity we are under of procuring an immediate supply of Continental Money, to pay a very large Debt contracted in Virginia, impels us to reiterate our Solicitations to you, to dispose of the State Tobacco in your Hands for the best Price you can get, in that Money. A Letter we received yesterday from Governor Jefferson, authorizes us to inform you that there is the greatest Probability to presume the Enemy has left the Bay. This, we understand, was the only very considerable Obstacle that prevented a Sale hitherto. You will excuse the Trouble we give you, when you reflect how much the Credit and Interest of the State is concerned.

Saturday 25th November 1780

November 25 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 5

Commission issued to David Harris appointed Capt in the room of Thomas Yates in the Baltimore Town Batt. of Militia in Baltimore County.

Ordered That the Armourer Deliver to Capt. Gilbert Middleton four hundred pounds of Lead to be delivered over to Col^{o} George Dashiell Lieut of Somerset County

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Thomas Luckett of the late Col^{o} Rawlings's Regiment, who has lately returned from Captivity, three Pounds fifteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and fifty Pounds the Gratuity allowed by a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 10th December 1778 and also the further sum of Fifty Dollars of the same Emission in lieu of two thousand Dollars, in lieu of the Articles for the year 1779 according to the " Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers of this State in the American Army and other purposes therein mentioned "

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Lieut Thomas Luckett Cloth and trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts due him for the pres^{t} year according to the Act of Assembly.

November 25 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 5 Commissions issued (according to the Recommendation of the House of Delegates) to John Morris appointed Register of Wills for Worcester County in the room of William Morris resigned and also to Thomas Belt appointed Register of Wills for Washington County in the room of Thomas Sprigg resigned.

The Justices of the Peace and Orphans Court for St. Marys, Harford, Kent, Caroline, Charles, Cecil, Montgomery, Talbot, Calvert, Dorchester & Washington Counties, and also the Judges of the Orphans Court for Baltimore, Frederick & Worcester Counties are reappointed and Continued under their former Commissions.

p. 6 Commissions issued to Andrew Buchanan, John Moale, Benjamin Rogers, Thomas Sollars, John Beale Howard, James Calhoun, Hercules Courtenay, George Goldsmith Presbury, Isaac Vanbibber, Peter Shepherd, John Cradock, John Merryman jun^{r} Jeremiah Johnson, Charles Ridgely of William, George Lindenburger, Christopher Vaughan, Frederick Decker, Jesse Bussey, Robert Lemmon, Rich^{d} Cromwell, Abraham Vanbibber, George Lux, Will^{m} Aisquith & Sam^{l} S. Cole Justices of the Peace for Balt. County.

Nicholas Worthington, Richard Harwood jun^{r}, Elijah Robosson, Samuel Harrison, Allen Quynn, Samuel Harrison of Richard, Richard Dorsey of John, Samuel Godman, Richard Harrison of Richard, Thomas Tongue, Nicholas Maccubbin Jun^{r}, William Hyde, John Burgess, William Brogden, Philemon Dorsey, Brice Howard and Horatio Johnson Justices of the Peace and Nicholas Worthington, Richard Harwood jun^{r} Elijah Robosson, Allen Quynn, Nicholas Maccubbin jun^{r} William Hyde and John Burgess Judges of the Orphans Court for Ann Arundel County

Joshua Beall, Christopher Lowndes, William Lock Weems, David Crawfurd, John Harrison, Richard Henderson, Thomas Gantt jun^{r} Luke Marbury, Thomas Clagett, Alexander Howard Magruder, Osborn Sprigg, Fielder Bowie, George Lee, Thomas Magill, Thomas Boyd, William Lyles, William Berry, James Mullikin, James Beck, Henry Rozier, Frank Leeke, Samuel Hepburn, John Brown, Abraham Boyd and John Smith Brookes Justices of the Peace and Joshua Beall, David Crawford, Thomas Clagett, Alexander Howard Magruder, Frank Leeke, Thomas Magill & Samuel Hepburn Judges of the Orphans Court for Prince Georges County.

John Brown, James Kent, James Bordley, William Bruff, James O'Bryan, Samuel Ridgeway, John Fisher, Clement Sewell, Vinson Benton, Thomas Fitzsimmons & Vachel Downes Justices of the Peace and John Browne, James Bordley, James O'Bryan, Clement Sewell & Vachel Downes Judges of the Orphans Court for Queen Anne County. William Winder, John Stewart, Levin Wilson, Gillis Polk, John Williams, Joseph Venables, John Span Conway, Henry Jackson, Levin Woolford, Josiah Dashiell, Henry Miles, George

Waters and William Stevens, Justices of the Peace and John Stewart, Levin Wilson, John Span Conway, Levin Woolford & Henry Jackson, Judges of the Orphans Court for Somerset County. November 25 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 6

Upton Sheredine, William Beatty, Jacob Young, James Johnson, William M. Beall, William Luckett jun^{r} John Lawrence, Joseph Wood jun^{r} John M^{c}Allister, John Ross Key, William Winchester jun^{r} Philip Thomas, Fielder Gannt, George Scott, William Magruder, Charles Warfield and Henry Darnall, Justices of the Peace of Frederick County and also to John Dennis, John Selby, Nehemiah Holland, Ebenezer Handy, Thomas Purnell, Smip^{t}[?] William Hopewell, James Selby, Joshua Townsend, John Postley, Josiah Mitchell, John Parramore, John Pope Mitchell, Isaac Layfield, William Stevenson, Peter Chaille & James Martin, Justices of the peace for Worcester County.

[Council to David Poe, D. Q. M.] November 25 Liber No. 78 p. 5

We request you would furnish the Guard of Militia at Baltimore, with Wood Straw, Barracks and every other Necessary Col^{o} Smith shall apply to you for

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.] Ibid. p. 6

We received your Favor of the 22^{d} Inst. It is out of our Power to make all the Appointments according to the Recommendation of Col^{o} Nicholson before we are informed how the Vacancies mentioned in the List sent him arose. We have enclosed a Commission for M^{r} David Harris and approve of your Conduct in distributing Arms among the Inhabitants, the Officers being answerable for them. The great Necessity of changing the present System of Laws, to regulate the Militia, is so obvious and generally recognized, that we have not the least Doubt, the General Assembly before the session is concluded, will enter on that Subject and adopt such Regulations as will render the Militia of great Use on every Emergency. You will be so obliging as to apply to M^{r} Poe, who will provide every Necessary for the Guard, that can be procured.

[Council to Lieuten't Luckett.] Ibid.

We request you will immediately send by M^{r} Bullen's Cart 400 ^{lbs} of Lead

[Council to Colo. George Dashiell.] Ibid.

We have received your Letter of the 14th Ins^{t} We approve of your calling into actual Service, the Militia of your County, and request you to continue them on Duty, so long as you may think necessary. There is not any spare Lead in any of the Counties convenient to you, we have therefore sent four hundred Pounds by Capt. Gilbert

Liber No. 78 p. 6 Middleton, with Directions to land it at Cambridge, in the Care of Mr Skinner Ennalls

November 27

Monday 27 November 1780

Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 6 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wilmer Esquire one hundred and seventy eight Pounds, Eight shillings and two pence of the new Emission in lieu of seven thousand, one hundred and thirty six Pounds, six shillings & ten pence half penny to be delivd over to John Rawlings ꝑ acc. passed by the Aud Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esqr one thousand, two hundred and thirty seven Pounds on account.

Samuel T. Wright Esqr elected a Member of the Council to the Governor appeared, produced a Certa of his Qualifications & took his seat accordingly.

p. 7 Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut. Thomas Luckett of the late Colo Rawlings Regiment Twenty two Gallons of Rum, Eighty eight pounds of Sugar and forty nine and an half pounds of Coffee the Allowance from January to November inclusive.

That the said Commissary deliver to Lieut. Robert Wilmot of Colo Harrisons Regt of Artillery fifteen and an half Gallons of Rum, forty eight pounds of sugar and twenty seven pounds of Coffee, deficiency of Stores to the 30 Inst. inclusive.

That the said Commissary deliver to Captain John & Michael Rudulph and George Handy of Major Lee's Legion fifty four Gallons of Rum, one hundred and forty four pounds of Sugar and Eighty one pounds of Coffee the alle of Stores to 31 Decr next incle

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Thomas Luckett of the late Colo Rawlings's Regimt nine Pounds, one shilling and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred and sixty three pounds due him per acct passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Robert Wilmot of Colo Harrison's Regimt of Artillery five Pounds, nine shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of Two hundred and nineteen Pounds due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capts John Rudulph, Michael Rudulph & George Handy of Major Lee's Legion seven hundred and eighty three Pounds due them for Stores ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Rudulph one thousand, three hundred and twelve Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Isabell, one Pound, twelve shillings of the new Emission in lieu of sixty four Pounds, two shillings & six Pence due him p Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud. November 27 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 7

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Robert Wilmot of Col^{o} Harrison's Regim^{t} of Artillery Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths on Account.

[Council to Thomas Sprigg Esq^{r} L^{t} Washington County] November 27 Liber No. 78 p. 6

Col^{o} Rawlings informs the Board that he has received Directions from the Board of War, to send forward to Philadelphia, the Prisoners lately exchanged, and that, without the Aid of the Militia, he will not be able to comply with them, and to keep a Guard over the Prisoners which will remain at Fort Frederick. We shall be obliged to you, to order on Duty such a Number of the Militia as Col^{o} Rawlings may call on you for, for the Purposes above mentioned. Col^{o} Rawlings will deliver you the Commissions you wrote for

Tuesday 28th November 1780 November 28 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 7

Ordered That the Lieut. of Frederick County deliver to Col^{o} Moses Rawlings one hundred pound of Lead and one Quarter Cask of powder for the use of the Guard at Fort Frederick.

That the Collector of the Tax for Washington County pay to Col^{o} Moses Rawlings, sixty thousand Pounds Cont^{l} Currency agreeably to a Resolution of the General Assembly passed the 27th Inst.

An Order of the 21st October last was drawn by this Board on the Collector of the Tax for Washington County in favor of Col^{o} Moses Rawlings for Twenty five thousand Pounds, is this Day returned.

On the Application of His Excellency the Chevalier de la Luzerne to this Board, M^{r} Beyerfalk Lieut. in the Regiment of Deux Pont, in the service of his Most Christian Majesty, is hereby Permitted to enlist into that Regiment any Deserters from the German Troops in the Service of Great Britain which are within this State.

[Council to the General Assembly.] November 28 Liber No. 78 p. 7

Doctor Upton Scott, formerly an Inhabitant and Resident of Maryland, some Time in the summer of the Year 1776 and since the Commencement of Hostilities between Great Britain and the United States of America, departed this State and went to Great Britain. He returned to this State, a few Days past, and, this Day laid before the Board a Passport from The Honble Benjamin Franklin Esq^{r} and a Parole entered into by the said Doct^{r} Scott with S^{r} Henry Clinton, the Commander in Chief of the British Forces, in Consequence of his having received his Permission to leave the British

November 28 Liber No. 78 p. 7 Lines, in Order to reside in Maryland (Copies whereof are herewith sent) and requested us to permit him to take the Oaths to Government. This Board having considered the Application of the said Doctor Scott, and the several Circumstances disclosed herein, declined administering the Oaths to him, and beg Leave to Submit his Case to the Consideration of the General Assembly and request their Advice and Directions respecting the same.

Ibid. [Council to Colo. Thomas Price and Thomas Donellan.]

M^r^ Beyerfolk Lieutenant of the Regiment of Deuxpints, in the service of His most Christian Majesty, having obtained the Permission of this Board to enlist the Deserters from the German Troops in the British Service, you are hereby requested to furnish such Recruits, when procured, with Rations on his Demand, keeping a particular Account thereof, which you are to render to us

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Carr Three Pounds, one shilling and Eleven pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and twenty three Pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence due him p^r^ acc^t^ passed by the Aud. General.

p. 8 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Boone of the 1^st^ Regiment one Pound thirteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of sixty six Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Lieut John Boone, four Gallons of Rum sixteen pounds of sugar and nine pounds of Coffee due him to the 30^th^ of November inclusive.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut John Carr of the 3^rd^ Regiment two pair of Stockings in part of the Articles allowed by the Act of Assembly.

November 30 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 8 Thursday 30^th^ November 1780

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Robert Denney of the 7^th^ Regim^t^ one Pound thirteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of sixty six Pounds due him per Acc^t^ passed by the Aud^r^ Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to William Fennell five Dollars of the same Emission in lieu of seventy five Pounds to be delivered over to Mary Fennell due her per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Alice Redman one Pound Seventeen shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of seventy five Pounds due her per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot Eight Pounds, ten shillings and nine pence three farthings of the new Emission in lieu of Three hundred and forty one Pounds twelve shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the A. Gen^{l} November 30 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 8

That the said Treasurer pay to Elijah Hopkins two hundred and one hhd^{s} of Tobacco weighing one hundred and eighty five thousand six hundred pounds sold him at fifty five Pounds ꝑ Cent and 4 ꝑ Cent for Cask amounting with Cask to one hundred and ninety three thousand and twenty four pounds

That the said Treasurer pay to Serj^{t} Peter Bashell one pound nineteen shillings and four pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of seventy eight Pounds, fifteen shillings due him per acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay over to the western shore Treasurer Thirty thousand one hundred and forty two pounds, one shilling and three pence Continental Currency, six hundred and forty seven Pounds, one shilling and three pence of the new Emission of this State and one hundred and eighty five thousand three hundred and twenty Pounds of Tobacco.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut. Robert Denny of the 7th Regiment two Gallons of Rum, sixteen pounds of sugar and four and an half pounds of Coffee, the allowance to this instant inclusive.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Joseph Elliott Commander of the Schooner Unity ninety five Tons burthen navigated by twenty five men mounting Eight Carriage Guns belonging to Robert Ewing of Dorchester County and William Neill of Baltimore Maryland.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Henry Gaither of the 1st Regiment, Linen for two shirts on Account.

On the Application of William Smith Esquire of Baltimore Town who is to this purpose Authorized and Commissioned by Robert Morris Esq^{r} of Philadelphia who is Agent for the supply of his Catholic Majesty's Fleets and armies in the Spanish Colonies in the West Indies, Licence is hereby given to lade and Export in the Brigantine Hawke, John Bull Commander and the Schooner Unity Commanded by Joseph Elliott now lying in the Port of Baltimore, flour for the use aforesaid on their Clearing out at the proper Office and Complying with the terms heretofore mentioned and directed to be complied with. p. 9

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By Capt^{n} Ewing we enclose you the desired Permit and are Sir &^{ca}

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[Council to Colo Samuel Smith.]

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We are willing to accept your Offer of the Brigg to load with Flour to the Havana on the following Terms.

That you purchase a Load of Flour proper for the Havana Market, for which you are to receive five ℔ Cent. Commission. That the State shall pay for the whole Cargo, as soon as possible. That the Owners of the Brigg shall have one Half of the Proceeds of the Cargoe at the Port of Delivery, and the State the other Half. That the State shall be entitled to load one Half of the Brigg back Freight free. That the Owners of the Brigg transport the Flour to the Havana and pay all Port Charges here and at the Port of Delivery and the Charges of loading and unloading the Cargoe That the State shall be entitled to one Third of all Prize money which may

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be received by the Owners of the Brigg. That the Vessel be well armed Manned and found for the Voyage. If you accept of these Terms, it will be proper to proceed immediately in loading the Vessel, and that you inform us of your Determination.

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Friday 1st December 1780

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Munroe one hundred Dollars on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jeremiah Clifford Twenty five thousand Pounds to be by him delivered over Capt. Richard Conway in part for Cloathing purchased of him for the Army.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Gilmore Three hundred Dollars of the new Emission to be delivered over to Richard Dallam Esqr on Account of Expresses employed by him at the request of this Board and agreeable to the Recommendation of Congress.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jeremiah Clifford Eleven Pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of foure hundred and sixty five Pounds for the use of Monia Clifford & Co ℔ Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brookes one hundred and twenty six Pounds, five shillings of the same Emission to be delivered over to John Bullen on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen one hundred and thirty two Pounds, twelve shillings & Six pence of the same Emission on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel T. Wright Esqr one hundred and eleven hhds. of Tobacco weighing one hundred and fourteen thousand two hundred and Eighty three Pounds to be delivered over to Charles Blake Esquire Commissary for Queen Anns County on Account

That Conrad T. Wedderstrandt deliver to Charles Blake what Public salt he may have occasion for.

[Council to His Excellency The Chev're de la Luzerne.] December 1 Liber No. 78 p. 8

We were honored with your Excellency's Letter of the 19th by Mr Beyerfalk. The Permission required was immediately granted and we have given Assurances to that Officer, that he will receive every support from this Board which may be necessary to enable him to enlist the Deserters from the German Troops in the service of Great Britain who are now in the State and inclined to serve his Most Christian Majesty.

[Council to Charles Blake, Esqr.] Ibid.

We received yours of the 30th Ult° Enclosed are Notes for 111 Hogsheads of Tobacco laying in the Warehouses you mention which we request you to dispose of on the best Terms you can, not under £55 ℔ Hundred and 4 ℔ Cent Cash payable in Continental Money. As the Season is advancing when it will be necessary to lay in salted Provisions against the ensuing year, We desire you to expend this Money which the Tobacco will place in your Hands in procuring Beef and Pork and having it well cured, and that you engage all you can of those Articles and we will supply you with Money when in your Power You have also enclosed an Order on Mr Wedderstrand for supplying you with what Salt you may have Occasion for. We expect you will attend to the Interest of the Public in making your Purchases inform us of your Prospects

	Hogshead	Net
Choptank Bridge Town Warehouse.	32	33354
Little Choptank River Warehouse.	2	1975
Browns Warehouse Wye River	33	35825
Emersons Warehouse Wye River	16	16622
Porters Warehouse Chester Town	28	26507
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By Jeremiah Clifford you will receive 25000£ Continental Money we have sold a quantity of Tobacco for Continental Money to be paid the latter End of next Week, and have no Doubt of our receiving it then, as soon as we receive it we shall send the Balance due You by Express.

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Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Captain Beriah Maybury one thousand six hundred and forty six rations, when they can most conveniently be spared from the Publick Stock, the Balance allowed him by a Resolution of the General Assembly

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passed the 5th of July last, and also to Capt. Horatio Clagett of the third Regimt thirteen and an half Gallons of Rum, seventeen pounds of Sugar and twenty two pounds of Coffee deficiency of Stores to the 1st Inst.

That the Armourer deliver to Colo Whitely Lieut of Caroline County Fifty pounds of Lead and one Quire Cartridge paper on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Richard Sprigg Esquire six pounds of Salt petre. and also to Capt Horatio Clagett of the 3d Regiment Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for two shirts on Account.

An Order on the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County in favour of John Cockey of the 4th Septr last for ten thousand Pounds is this day returned.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo William Whitely one Pound seven shillings and ten pence of the new Emission in lieu of Fifty five pounds twelve shillings and eight pence half penny due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Jackson Esqr four pounds, three shillings and four pence of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and sixty six pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Horatio Clagett of the 3d Regt four Pounds one shilling and nine pence of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred & sixty three Pounds ten shillings due him for stores ꝑ account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain John Rudulph of Colo Lee's Legion Twelve thousand Dollars which he is to be Accountable to Majr Genl Greene agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly of this Day to be charged to the United States.

Peter Chaille Esquire appointed Commissary of Purchases for Worcester County in the room of Joseph Dashiell resigned and William McBride appointed Commissary of Purchases for Somerset County in the room of Henry Jackson resigned.

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[Council to Peter Chaille and William McBryde.]

The Season for salting Beef and Pork in Barrells will be soon over, and expecting considerable Supplies of those Articles from your County, we hope you will loose no Time in procuring them on the best Terms you can for the Public. Enclosed is an order on Mr Macbryde for what Salt you may have occasion for.

Copy of the above and some Parts of the circular Letter of the 5th July went to Mr Macbryde and Peter Chaille of Worcester County appointed Commissary.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice Esquire one thousand three hundred and seventy five pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain John Rudulph three thousand three hundred and fifty six pounds six shillings and three pence. One thousand six hundred & eleven pounds, two shillings and six pence part thereof to be by him retained one thousand six hundred and eleven pounds, two shillings and six pence to be delivered over to Captain George Handy and one hundred and thirty four pounds, one shilling and three pence the remaining part to be delivered over to Captain Michael Rudulph per Accounts passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esquire three hundred pounds Continental Currency in part of his Salary on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esquire Fifty Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col[o] Uriah Forrest Three thousand one hundred and twenty five Pounds for three months salary to the first Instant.

That William M[c]Bride deliver to Peter Chaille Commissary for Worcester County what Salt he may have occasion for in the Execution [of] his Office.

On the Recommendation of Richard Harwood jun[r] Samuel Godman, Allen Quynn and Nicholas Maccubbin jun[r] Iustices of the Peace for Ann Arundel County, Pardon granted to Negro Charles the man Slave of a certain John Chew of Ann Arundel County convicted in the County Court aforesaid for felony.

[Council to Capt. William Middleton.]

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You are to proceed with the Dolphin and Plater State Boats under your Command to Pocomoke River and deliver the Letter committed to your Care for Colonel Chaille and Whilliam MacBryde, from the last mentioned Gentleman you will receive the Provisions bought for the State by M[r] Jackson the late Commissary of Somerset County which you are to bring to this Post after calling at Wicommico to fill up the Boats with Provisions lying on that River purchased for the State by the late Commissary Colonel Joseph Dashiell. The Danger to be apprehended from the Enemy and the advanced Season of the year renders it necessary that you should be as cautious and expeditious as possible.

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[Council to Jeremiah Banning, Esqr.]

We have received yours of the 25^{t} ul^{t} The enclosed Copy of a Letter of the 25th February 1779 from the late Governor and Council to M^{r} Muir with the Copy of the Resolves which it refers to. We apprehend were sufficient to convince M^{r} Muir of the Error of his Commission if he received them. We are really at a Loss for his Misapprehension, for we cannot think with you that the fifth Session of the Act to prevent Frauds in Commerce and to direct the Duty of Naval Officers could have occasioned it. The Master of a Vessel arriving at Cambridge or any other Port of Choptank is clearly and explicitly enjoined to report within a limited Time to the naval office of the District in which such Port shall be.

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Tuesday 5th December

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen West Esq^{r} one pound, five Shillings of the new Emission in lieu of Fifty Pounds for the use of Joseph Walker per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun^{r} Clerk to the Council Twelve hundred and fifty Pounds for three months Salary to the first Instant.

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Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Col^{o} James Tootell one hundred and forty four pounds of Coffee for the like Quantity borrowed of him to supply the Maryland Troops in the Continental Service.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Michael Boyer of the German Regiment Twenty eight pounds, fourteen shillings and ten pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of an order of the 19th September last in his favor for Eleven hundred and forty nine Pounds, fifteen shillings which is now returned.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Randall State Cloathier two hundred hogsheads of Tobacco on Account.

The Memorial of Legh Master Captain of the Sloop Experiment setting forth among other Things, that he obtained a Flag of Truce from the Governor of the Bahama Islands to carry American Prisoners from New Providence to Baltimore in Maryland and to receive British Prisoners in Exchange and that the said Sloop Experiment her Tackle Apparel &^{ca} were seized by Thomas Sollars Naval Officers and Libelled in the high Court of Admiralty, was laid before the General Assembly and by their Resolution referred to us, giving Power to make such orders respecting the seizure of the Flag as we might think proper, and directing if no intended and gross Violation of the Flag has happened that the said Vessel be discharged and the said Legh Master ordered to depart with such Provisions as may be necessary for the Crew and Prisoners.

This Board in Pursuance of the Powers delegated to them by the Resolution aforesaid, having Considererd the Facts contained in the said Memorial with the Affidavits thereto annexed together with the Liber exhibited in the Court of Admiralty against the said Sloop Experiment and the answer on Oath of the said Legh Master thereto, are of Opinion that no intended and gross Violation of the said Flag has happened and do therefore Order the said Vessel with her Furniture Tackle Apparel and Cargo be discharged and restored to the said Legh Master and that he depart with his said Vessel within ten Days from the date hereof. Permission is hereby given to the said Legh Master to carry with him for the use of the Prisoners and Crew belonging to the Sloop Experiment, Ten barrels of Bread, five Barrels of Flour and ten Barrels of Salt Beef or Pork.

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[Council to Benjamin Nicholson, Esqr., Judge of the Admiralty Court.]

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Enclosed you have the Resolution on the Memorials of Legh Master, which was laid before the General Assembly and by them referred to us; you will be pleased to issue your Order to the Marshall to discharge the Sloop Experiment &ca and restore her to the said Legh Master, who is allowed to take away with him ten Barrels of Bread, five Barrels of Flour and ten Barrels of salt Beef or Pork and ordered to depart with his said Vessel within ten Days from the fifth Instant.

[Council to Legh Masters, Esqr.]

Ibid.

Enclosed is our Permission to lade on Board your Sloop a quantity of Provisions which we think fully sufficient for your Voyage and our Letter to Benjamin Nicholson Esqr Judge of the Admiralty Court requesting him to order your Vessel &c immediately to be restored to you. You are to depart with your Vessel within ten Days from the Date hereof.

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[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.]

Ibid.

We have directed Mr Randall to procure some Articles necessary for our troops which we shall have an opportunity of forwarding in a few Days. If you have sold any more Tobacco or he can agree for the Articles wanting payable in Tobacco, Please to supply him with what he may want out of what you have on Hand. It is uncertain what Plan the General Assembly may adopt for obtaining the Supply for the ensuing year,

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December 6
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Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Jonathan Sellman of the 4th Regimt Three pounds Six shillings of the

December 6 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 11 new Emission in lieu of one hundred and thirty two Pounds per Account passed by the Aud[r] General.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Captain Jonathan Sellman Eight gallons of Rum, eighteen pounds of Coffee and thirty two pounds of Sugar the deficiency to the 30 Nov[r] inclusive.

That Charles Blake Esq[r] Commissary of Purchases for Queen Anns County pay to the Honble William Hemsley Esq[r] fourteen thousand, three hundred and forty nine Pounds Continental Currency for Beef sold the State.

Commission of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to John Bull Com[r] of the Brig Hawke 113 Tons burthen navigated by 30 men, mount[g] 10 Car Guns, belong[g] to Ridley & Pringle &[co] Balt[o]

p. 12 On the Application of William Smith Esquire of Baltimore Town. who is to this purpose Commissioned and Authorized by Robert Morris Esquire of Philadelphia who is Agent for the supply of his Catholic Majesty's Fleets and Armies in the Spanish Colonies in the West Indies Licence is hereby given to lade and Export in the Brig Ranger, Thomas Johnson Commander now lying in the Port of Baltimore, flour for the use aforesaid on his Clearing out at the proper Office but as the Season for curing salted Beef and Pork is wearing away fast, we request you to phrchase on the best Terms you can for the Public Interest, as much as possible of those Articles. We hope there will be some Demand for the Tobacco. We have some foreign and good Country Salt, part of which shall be sent to you, but should it not reach you in Time, we recommend you to procure the quantity you may require in Baltimore Town.

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Many concurring Reports induce us to believe the Enemy have left the Bay, and being desirous to releive the Militia from Every Hardship and Inconvenience as soon as our Situation renders their Service unnecessary. We request you to discharge the Guard ordered out by you immediately, and complying with the Terms heretofore mentioned and directed to be complied with.

December 6 Ibid. p. 11 [Council to General Assembly.]

Colonel Wood commanding officer of the Guard placed over the Convention Troops informs us in Consequence of Orders from the

p. 12 Execution of Virginia a Division of near twelve hundred ot these Troops (including the officers) consisting of British are on their March for Fort Frederick and are to remain at Martinsburgh till his Return, he waits on us to know what Measures have been taken for accommodating them in this Sate, and says the Provision collected on their March is nearly exhausted and will be consumed in a few Days; they are so distressed for want of Shoes and other

Cloathing that they cannot return to Charlotte's Ville, let the Difficulties of providing for them here be ever so great, we are well convinced they cannot be sheltered or subsisted at Fort Frederick the Place assigned for their Reception when removed from Virginia, and if sent thither the unavoidable Consequence will be that they will be dispersed about the Country, and many will escape to the Enemy. The Barracks at Frederick Town are unfinished but if put in proper Condition would accommodate with Conveniency five hundred. We have not Provisions to feed those Troops nor can they be procured in Time, unless we are supplied with Continental Money, and then we shall meet with Difficulties in getting Beef and Pork. We request the General Assembly would direct where and in what Manner Barracks are to be provided for these Troops, and that such effectual Measures be adopted as will enable us to subsist them until Orders are received for their Removal. Colonel Wood waits the Determination of the General Assembly and the Situation of the Troops renders him very anxious to return as quick as possible.

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[Council to Mr. William Smith.]

Ibid.

Enclosed is a Permit for the Brigantine Ranger to load with Flour on Account of his Catholic Majesty, We are willing to take on Account of the State any Flour which may exceed the 3000 Barrels you are permitted to export for the Freight of which we will allow half the Flour and expect the Proceeds, Freight free Back, on the same Terms we have agreed with Mr Samuel Smith.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo James Hindman seventeen Pounds, ten shillings of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esquire sixty three Pounds of the same Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Lloyd Beall of the 7th Regiment one Pound thirteen shillings of the same Emission in lieu of sixty six Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt David Lynn of the 7th Regiment Three Pounds, nine shillings of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and thirty eight Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jesse Hollingsworth Ten hhds of Tobacco weighing nine thousand eight hundred and eighty nine pounds for which he is to pay sixty pounds per hundred and four p Cent for the Casks.

That Christopher Edelen Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to George Murdock appointed Purchasing Commissary

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to the Convention Troops and their Guard one thousand five hundred Pounds Continental Money and thirty thousand pounds of tobacco to be by him accounted for.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Captain Lloyd Beall four Gallons of Rum sixteen pounds of sugar and nine pounds of Coffee and also to Captain David Lynn Eighteen gallons of Rum, sixty eight pounds of sugar and Thirty seven and a half pounds of Coffee the deficiency of Stores to the 30 Nov^{r} inclusive

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Lloyd Beall for the use of Francis Rogers a substitute from Montgomery County for the Maryland Line a suit of Cloaths the Bounty allowed him by the Gen^{l} Assembly.

William Heath appointed Inspector for Princess Ann Town in Somerset County in the room of John Law who resigned.

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[Council to Mr. Edelen.]

We have drawn on you in Favor of M^{r} George Murdock for 15000 Pounds and for 30 Hogshead of Tobacco which we request may be paid him immediately in Preferrence to any Orders drawn on you. M^{r} Murdock will inform you, of the important Purposes for which this Money and Tobacco is wanted

Ibid.

[Council to George Murdock Esqr.]

Colonel Wood who has the Command over the Convention Troops expected in Frederick Town in a few Days, will deliver you this. As it will be of Consequence to the Public and to the Inhabitants of the Town that these Troops and their Guard be regularly supplied with Provision. We request you to act as purchasing Commissary for that Purpose. If you have any Provisions of any kind belonging to the United States, we desire you to apply it towards the Subsistance of those Troops, and we will be answerable to the Board of War for the Application. Colonel Wood will be employed in getting the Barracks &^{ca} in Readiness against the Troops arrive, we doubt not you will assist him all in your Power in procuring Plank Nails &^{ca} We have directed Colonel Price to supply what Flour Bran and Shorts Colonel Wood may order, and we trust the General Assembly will enable us to give you the necessary Aid in purchasing the Meat Provisions and Corn &^{ca} which may be required. In the mean Time we entreat you to exert your personal Influence in purchasing on Credit.

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Colonel Wood will send some Waggons to Baltimore for Salt, we will endeavour to send up more than will be necessary for the use of the Troops, which will probably aid you considerably in your Purchase. We inclose an Order on M^{r} Edelin for £15000 and for 30 Hhds of Tobacco, and have wrote to him to answer these Orders

in Preferrence to any others which have been drawn on him. We refer you to Colonel Wood for further Information

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[Council to Colonel Price.]

Ibid.

A considerable Number of the Convention Troops will be in Frederick Town, in a few Days, and an immediate Supply of Provisions will be wanting for them and their Guard. It will therefore be necessary to have as much Flour, Bran and shorts delivered to M^r^ Murdock as Colonel Wood the Commanding Officer shall direct. This we request may be done from the Mills most convenient, reserving as much as possible Flour in those Mills nearest to Baltimore, which you will send by the Waggons Colonel Wood may order there for Salt.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col^o^ Joseph Dashiell two thousand eight hundred and fifty Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esq^r^ Two thousand Pounds in part of his Salary on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munroe Twenty thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Captain Richard Conway of Alexandria on account for Goods purchased of him by this Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Poe eight hh^ds^ of Tobacco weighing eight thousand and eighty one pounds not to be accounted for at sixty pounds ℔ Cent and four ℔ Cent.

Ordered That the Collector of the Tax for Charles County pay to John Verdin five hundred and sixty two pounds ten shillings Currency due him agreeable to a Certificate from the Commissary of Purchases for the aforesaid County.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to James Pope a Blind soldier of the third Regiment one Coat one waistcoat one shirt and one pair of Stockings

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donnellan.]

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We received yours of the 8^th^ Instant. It is not in our Power at this Time to supply you with continental Money, your wants shall be relieved as soon as we can dispose of some Tobacco.

[Council to Mr. William Herbert.]

Ibid.

We received yours of the 6^th^ Instant and cannot yet account for the Deficiency of the Money sent by Clifford. We send by Daniel Munroe £20000 for Captain Conway and hope to complete the Payment in the Course of next week

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[Council to Mr David Poe.]

We have not the Tobacco you mention, in yours of the 8th Instant if it was on Hand the Price you quote would be under our Expectation for it.

Ibid.

[Council to Colonel Samuel Smith.]

We have received yours of the 5th Instant. A Permit shall be sent to you for loading the Vessel on your informing us of her Name

The terms are not to be altered with Propriety.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junior five hundred and ninety eight pounds on account

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Dallam Esqr Commissary of purchases for Harford County Ten thousand Pounds on account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munroe six hundred and sixty three Pounds ten shillings due him per account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Esquire one thousand five hundred Pounds on account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Peter Adams ten thousand six hundred and fifty Dollars to be charged to the United States agreeable to an Order on this State from Major General Gates.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Maccubbin Eight pounds six shillings and eight pence of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence due him per account passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Campbell one hundred and twenty seven pounds ten shillings of the same Emission for one hundred and sixty gun Locks sold this Board at seven shillings & six pence.

The order on the western shore Treasurer in favor of Richard Dallam for Ten thousand Pounds of the 15th of May this Day returned.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to James Pope a Blind Soldier of the 3d Regiment one pair of Breeches and one pair of Shoes, and also to Nicholas McNemarra a maimed soldier of the 1st Regimt one shirt, one pair of Breeches one pair of Stockings and one pair of Shoes.

An Agreement entered into this eleventh Day of December 1780. Between the Governor and Council of the one part and William Campbell of Annapolis of the other Witnesseth that the said William Campbell agrees to stock in a good sufficient and workmanlike Manner all the Musket Barrels, now belonging to the State in the

Care of John Shaw and to deliver the whole of them to the Order of the Governor and Council on or before the first Day of May next and not less than fifty at any one time of Delivery and that he will procure mounting and Ramrods for the said Muskets upon the most reasonable terms. In Consideration whereof the Governor and Council Agrees to pay to the said William Campbell seventeen shillings and six pence in gold and silver or Current money at the common Exchange at the Time of Payment for every musket stocked, finished and Delivered in manner aforesaid and to advance the said William Campbell all Sums of Money which he may engage to pay for mounting and Ramrods. December 11 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 13

In Virtue of the Act for enlarging the Powers of the Governor and Council passed at November Session 1779 Permission is hereby given to Captain Thomas Steel of the Brig Fox, Capt. James Kiersted of the Schooner Nautilus and Captain Benjamin Weeks of the Brig Cato to lade on board said Vessels Cargoes of Flour, p. 14 to be Exported for the purpose of procuring Cloathing and other necessaries granted by the Act entitled An Act relating to the Officers and soldiers of this State

[Council to Colonel Samuel Smith.] December 11 Liber No. 78

We wrote to you on the 9th Instant requesting you to transmit p. 14 us the first Opportunity the Names of the Vessel and Captain but p. 15 to prevent any Inconvenience or Detention of the Vessel, we have enclosed you a Permit leaving a Blank for the Name of the Captain &ca By yours of the 8th Instant we observe the Militia were then on Duty, we wrote to General Buchanan the 5th Instant to discharge them which we imagine has been done, we shall have no objection to continue the Arms in the Hands of your Battalion, if you will be answerable for their Return when called on

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Montjoy Bayley of the Extra Regimt one hundred and two Pounds, five shillings and one hundred and sixty five Pounds due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Edward Gaither one of the Commrs for Ann Arundel County Two thousand and nine Pounds to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers one thousand three hundred and fifty four pounds ten shilings due him per Account passed by the D. Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Cowman Contractor for Waggons and Teams for Ann Arundel County one hundred and fifty Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

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That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Montjoy Bayley Ten gallons of Rum, forty pounds of Sugar and Twenty five pounds of Coffee due him to the 27th Instant Leave is hereby given to Mrs Achsah Chamier widow of Daniel Chamier Esquire Deceased to ship from New York in an unarmed Vessel and therein to Transport to the Road off Annapolis in Maryland the household furniture wearing Apparel and other Goods, mentioned in a List lodged with this Board, she having Satisfied the Governor and Council as to the property of the Same and having also given Bond in the Penalty of Two hundred thousand Pounds not to dispose of the same in the way of Trade or Merchandize.

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[Council to David Poe, Esqr.]

Colonel Gaither Commissioner for Ann Arundel County under the late Act for an immediate Supply &ca has a quantity of Bran belonging to the Public which will answer very well at your Post for Forage. We therefore request you will send the Continental Waggons in your Possession for it.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Hannah May one pound seventeen shillings and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of Seventy five Pounds per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Ford one hundred and sixty Dollars of the same Emission and five hundred Pounds Contl on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to the Honble John Rogers Esquire one thousand and forty one pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence due him as Chancellor to the first of November last.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esqr two thousand one hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde Three thousand four hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Thomas Hyde p acct passed by the Audr Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Nathaniel Beall Magruder of the Company of Infantry stationed at Fort Frederick five pounds, fifteen shillings & six pence of the new Emission in lieu of two hundred and thirty one pounds due himself also the further Sum of five pounds fifteen shillings & Six pence in lieu of two hundred & thirty one pounds to be delivered over to Capt John Reid and three pounds six shillings of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred & thirty two pounds for the use of Gabriel Jacobs of said Company per Accounts passed by the Depy Aud.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Nathaniel Beall Magruder Fifteen thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Colo Moses Rawlings on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Archibald McCallister of the first Regiment Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts on acco^{t} December 13 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 14

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Nathaniel Beall Magruder and Captain John Reid, each, fourteen gallons of Rum fifty six pounds of Sugar and thirty one and a half pounds of Coffee and also to Ensign Gabriel Jacob of the same Company Eight gallons of Rum thirty two pounds of Sugar and eighteen pounds of Coffee due them to the 22^{d} of November last.

That the Armourer deliver to Major John Steward one pound of glaized powder

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac Harris Forty three Pounds, two shillings and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand seven hundred and twenty five pounds and also the further sum of four Pounds ten shillings of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and eighty pounds due him per account passed by the Aud^{r} General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Dallam Esquire two hundred pounds of the same Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot seven hundred and twenty four pounds seventeen shillings and six pence due him per acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Omer Watkins seventy five pounds due her ꝑ account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the Armourer deliver to Col^{o} John Dorsey ten Muskets to be returned or paid for in kind if injured or lost, five pound powder and five pound Cannon d^{o} and also to Captain William Campbell one hundred Gun Barrels to be by him stocked agreeable to Contract.

That John Dorsey and Comp^{y} pay to Richard Dallam Esq^{r} Eight thousand Pounds Currency to be charged to account of Tobacco purchased of this Board.

Commission issued to Solomon Clayton appointed Register of Wills for Queen Anns County agreeable to the Recommendation of the General Assembly in the room of Samuel Turbutt Wright resigned

Friday 15th December 1780 December 15 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 15

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Twenty Thousand Dollars on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Solomon Stympson Contractor for Horses Seventy three pounds three shillings of the new Emission in lieu of Two thousand nine hundred and twenty five pounds nineteen shillings and six pence on Account.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Jesse Hollingsworth twelve hh^{ds} of Tobacco, eleven thousand seven hundred and fourteen pounds not to be accounted for at sixty pounds per hundred and four ℔ cent.

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[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

We have directed Colonel Wood who commands the Guard over the Convention Troops at Frederick Town to send eight or Ten Waggons to Baltimore Town for Salt for the Use of these Troops, and as the Waggons may be daily expected, we request you to receive from M^{r} Dannellan a sufficient Quantity of the Public Salt in his Hands to load them, an Order for which is enclosed. You will also be pleased to apply to M^{r} Dannellan for what Salt you may have occasion for to barrel Pork and Beef.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Landsdale three pounds fifteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and fifty Pounds to be delivered over to John Frazier due him per Account passed by the Aud. General.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Duckett jun^{r} Eight hundred and thirty six Pounds seventeen shillings and six pence due him per Account passer by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel T. Wright Esquire sixty Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Dorsey eight hogsheads of crop Tobacco weighing seven thousand six hundred and thirty seven pounds net and seventeen thousand one hundred and fifteen pounds Transfer to be by him accounted for at sixty pounds per hundred and four per Cent.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Robert Reith five yards of Linen to line a pair of breeches and waistcoat.

That M^{r} Thomas Donnellon deliver to James Calhoun Esquire what Public Salt he may want taking his Receipt therefor.

Permission is hereby given to Captain William Cockran a British Prisoner taken by Capt. James Buchanan of the Brig Fox to go into the City of New York or Charles Town to solicit his Exchange for Aquila Johns late Commander of the Buckskin Merchantman now a Prisoner of War on Parole to Commodore Gayton in Case the Exchange should not be effected, the said Cockran to return when required.

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[Council to Legh Masters, Esqr.]

We have required the Naval officer of Baltimore Town to detain your Vessel in Port until our further Order is made known to him and do prohibite your Departure with your Vessel until you obtain our Licence therefor

[Council to William Smith, Esqr.] December 16
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We have directed the Naval Officer at the Port of Baltimore to prohibit Legh Master leaving that Port until he receives further Orders of this Board. M^r^ Master will also be informed by this Opportunity of our Resolution to detain his Vessel a few Days.

[Council to Thomas Sollars, Naval Officer.] Ibid.

We think it highly necessary that Legh Master's Vessel should be detained in Port for several Days or until the Vessels chartered by this State and the Spanish Agent to export Flour and Bread to the Havannah, have sailed to prevent any Injury that might arise from his or the prisoners on Board communicating it to the Enemy. And do therefore request you to detain the said Legh Masters Vessel in Port until our further Order therein is made known to you and that you would inform the said Legh Master of our Resolution.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col^o^ James M^c^Comas nine pounds seven shillings and six pence of the new Emission to be delivered over to Richard Dallam on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Longden one thousand eight hundred and fifteen pounds to be delivered over to Robert T. Hooe of Alexandria advanced by him to Express riders established under a Resolution of Congress per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Jenifer Surgeon in the Hospital Department nine pounds eighteen shillings of the new Emission for himself & nine pounds eighteen shillings of the same Emission to be delivered over to James Craik Chief Physician in the Hospital Department due them per acc^ts^ passed by the Aud G^l^

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Daniel Jenifer, Cloth and Trimmings sufficient for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts the Articles allowed by the General Assembly for the present year.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Daniel Jenifer and James Craik each ninety six pounds brown sugar, twenty gallons of Rum and fifty four pounds of Coffee for the present year inclusive.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col^o^ Henry Hollingsworth six thousand nine hundred and two pounds fifteen shillings on Account. and also the further sum of one thousand Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That Captain George Keeports deliver to Stephen Steward what Military Stores he may think necessary for the sloop Porpoise for the purpose of her present Destination.

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[Council to General Gist, the Commanding officer at Baltimore.]

Two small Privateers are now in the Bay committing great Depredations on the Property of the Inhabitants of this State, we wish to prevent their Ravages and for this Purpose have engaged of M^r^ Wallace the armed Sloop Porpus to go in Pursuit of them, if M^r^ Steward, who has the Management of this Vessel concurs, we request you to furnish him with the Number of Men he may think necessary to Act as Mariners, the Advantages of this Expedition will entirely depend on Dispatch and Secrecy, we therefore request you to give M^r^ Steward your Assistance

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[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

We have an Offer from Mess^rs^ Wallace and Davidson of the Sloop Porpus to go down the Bay against some of the Enemies Vessels that are committing Depredations on the Property of the Inhabitants of this State on our furnishing her with Provisions Stores, we shall be obliged to you to deliver to M^r^ Stephen Steward such Provisions as he may apply for the use of the said Vessel.

Ibid.

[Council to Stephen Steward, Esqr.]

Mess^rs^ Wallace and Davidson have so far as they are interested in the Porpus, offered her to this Board, for the Purpose of going down the Bay a few Days, in Pursuit of two small Privateers now committing Depredations on the Inhabitants near the Mouth of Choptank River. We hope your Consent may not be withheld as it is probable these Pickaroons may be captured with Ease by a Vessel of her Force, if speedily and secretly fitted out for the Purpose; should you agree to lend her on this Occasion. We beg of you to exert yourself to the utmost improcuring Men and Stores for the Expedition at the Expence of the State. We are fully of Opinion with Mess^rs^ Wallace and Davidson that it would be good Policy to give the Prizes to the Officers and Men, and would hereby engage to obtain a Resolution of the General Assembly to relinquish the Claim which the State might have in their Favor. General Gist or in his Absence the Officer commanding in Baltimore will furnish thirty Soldiers upon Delivery of the enclosed Letter, to act as Mariners on Board the Porpus and M^r^ Calhoun M^r^ Donnellan and Captain Keepots will furnish the necessary Provisions Arms Ammunition &^ca^

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Wednesday 20^th^ December 1780

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Callahan three pounds six shillings and seven pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and thirty three pounds five shillings due him per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Middleton seven pounds and seven pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of Two hundred and eighty one pounds five shillings for one and a half days hire of his Boat to look out whilst the Enemy were in Patuxent and Choptank River. December 20 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 17

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esq^{r} one hundred Pounds of the same Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire one hundred Pounds of the same Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ensign John T. Lowe one pound, thirteen shillings of the same Emission in lieu of Sixty six pounds due him ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Gramar Ten pounds, fourteen shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of four hundred and twenty nine pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esquire to be delivered over to John M^{c}Lure sixty seven hhd^{s} of Tobacco weighing sixty five thousand eight hundred and seventy Pounds net to be by him accounted for at fifty five Pounds ꝑ hund^{d} & four ꝑ Cent.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Ensign John T. Lowe four gallons of Rum sixteen pounds of Sugar and nine pounds of Coffee stores due him for the Months of October and November.

[Council to Colonel Baker Johnson.] December 20 Liber No. 78 p. 18

You will be pleased to sell the Pistols in your Possession belonging to the State, to those Gentlemen who may incline to serve in the Volunteer Troop of Horse raising in Frederick County.

[Council to Colonel John Dorsey.] Ibid.

We have had Information that two of the Enemies small Privateers have captured several of the Bay Craft as high as the Mouth of Patuxent where by the last Accounts they yet remain with their Prizes, one of the privateers from our Account is the Cat a Schooner of four Guns, the other is said to be of eight, we hear that two Brigs belonging to Colonel Hooe and Captain Conway of superiour Force are ready for Sea in Saint Marys River, and by Jessee Hollingsworth we learn that a Vessel of Force in which he is interested is probably now ready at Alexandria to come round to Baltimore. The General Assembly have desired that we should as privately as may be put in Motion any Force, we can or may think necessary for the Destruction or Capture of these Enemies Privateers, and have enabled us to enter into all proper Engagements for that End. We have therefore applied to Colonel Hooe Captain Conway and

December 20 Liber No. 78 p. 18 M^r^ Hollingsworth for their Vessels, and we are to request if one or both of the Vessels you are loading with Flour on Account of the State in a Situation that you will order them to turn out in Search of the Enemy. We imagine if they have left Patuxent they are gone over to some of the Islands about or a little below the Mouth of Choptank which seems to be a favorite Situation of theirs. Any loss that may happen by the Vessels going down on the Public Service, we engage on behalf of the State shall be indemnified as well as the Expences of the Vessels whilst in the Service including also therein the Addition of Men, Provisions and Stores. We have Reason to expect the Vessels in Potomack will cooperate with you, to remove the Difficulty you may make on Account of the Danger of being shut up in the Harbour of Baltimore by the Ice; we will engage the State shall pay the Expence of bringing the Flour thence to this Place, where it may be put on Board the Vessel or Vessels which may be employed on this Service. We have also Expectations
p. 19 of being assisted by a Vessel belonging to Mess^rs^ Steward Wallace and Davidson now lying in the Harbour of Baltimore. The State will not expect any Part of the Captures. The enclosed are Signals which will be furnished to the Vessels in Potomack, you will be pleased to give correspondent Orders.

Ibid. [Council to Colonel Hooe and Capt. Conway.]

We have had Information by several Vessels in the Course of two Days past that two of the Enemies small Privateers have captured several of the Bay Craft as high as the Mouth of Patuxent where they by the last Account yet remain with their Prizes, one of the Privateers from all Accounts is the Cat a Schooner of four Guns the other is said to be of eight. We hear that two Briggs of yours of superior Force are ready for Sea in Saint Marys River and by M^r^ Jesse Hollingsworth we learn that a Vessel of Force in which he is interested is probably now ready at Alexandria to come round to Baltimore. The General Assembly have desired that we should as private as may put in Movement any Force we think can or may think necessary for the Destruction or Capture of there Enemy Privateers, and have enabled us to enter all proper Engagements for that End. We therefore request if your Brigs are in the Situation represented to us that you will order them to turn out in Search of the Enemy, we imagine if they have left Patuxent they have gone over to some of the Islands about or a little below the Mouth of Choptank, which seems to be a favourite Situation of theirs. Any loss that may happen by the Vessels going down on this Public Service, we engage on behalf of the State shall be indemnified, as well as the Expences of the Vessels whilst on the Public Service including also therein the Addition of Men Provision and Stores. M^r^ Hollingsworth will as Part owner of Yellot and as far as he thinks himself justifiable

concur with you, we expect also to have a Vessel or two in Motion from Baltimore in two or at most three Days, might it not be proper if the Brigs can go on the Service that they should look into the Mouth of Patuxent and if the Enemy is gone from thence to run down the Bay and wait so as to be below them till the Vessels from Baltimore got down. The State will not expect any Part of Captures. The enclosed are Signals which will be furnished to the Baltimore Vessels and you will be pleased to give correspondent orders. Ibid. p. 20

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain James Somervill of the sixth Regimt five pounds five shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of two hundred and eleven pounds ten shillings due him for Stores ꝑ acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Capt James Somervill seventeen and a half gallons of Rum, twenty nine and a half pounds of Coffee and forty eight pounds of sugar due him to the first of January next.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Capt. James Somervill Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts, and also to James Murphy a maimed soldier of the first Regiment one Suit of Cloaths one pair of stockings one pair of shoes and two shirts.

[Council to Colonel James Wood.] December 21 Liber No. 78 p. 20

We received yours of the 15th and 17th Instant Mr Murdock by this opportunity will receive £1000 which we hope will obviate the Difficulties you have been involved in by the sheriffs not paying our Orders, from your representation of Mr Gaddes's Conduct we should be inclined to comply with Brigadier General Hamilton's request, but as he may transact his Business without going to Baltimore himself, the Indulgence required is unnecessary.

[Council to Mr. George Murdock] Ibid.

We send by Mr Potts £1000 of the new Emission to be expended in the Purchase of Provisions for the convention Troops and have ordered French Salt to be provided to load the eight Waggons Colonel Wood was requested to send to Baltimore. If you should be put to any Difficulties or meet with a Disappointment from the Sheriff inform us, and we will do every Thing in our Power to supply you with what may be necessary.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esquire Two pounds sixteen shillings and three pence of the new

December 22 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 17 Emission in lieu of one hundred and twelve pounds, ten shillings to be delivered over to Margaret Chatling due her per account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun^{r} one hundred and sixty pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to George P. Keeports on Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Archibald Golder of the Regim^{t} Extra^{s} ten Pounds nineteen shillings of the same Emission in lieu of four hundred and thirty six Pounds due him per account passed by the Aud Gen^{l}

p. 18 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Potts Esq^{r} two hundred and fifty two pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to George Murdock for the purpose of purchasing provisions for the Convention Troops on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Fennell one pound thirteen shillings and nine pence of the same Emission in lieu of sixty seven pounds ten shillings due [her] per account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun^{r} six pounds of the same Emission on account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Alice Redman one pound, thirteen shillings and nine pence of the same Emission in lieu of sixty seven pounds, ten shillings due her per account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Carr one pound, thirteen shillings of the same Emission in lieu of sixty six Pounds due him for Stores ꝑ account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Archibald Buchanan Esq^{r} one hundred and fifty one pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence of the same Emission in lieu of six thousand and seventy one pounds three shillings and eight pence to be delivered over to Andrew Buchanan due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Archibald Golder Twenty four pounds of sugar, eighteen pounds of Coffee and two gallons of Rum deficiency of Stores due him to the 30 November inclusive. and also to Lieutenant John Carr four Gallons of Rum, sixteen pounds of sugar and nine pounds of Coffee stores to the 31st Istant.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Randall nine Tents.

Commission issued to Job Garretson appointed Sheriff of Baltimore County in the room of Joseph Baxter resigned.

The following persons are hereby appointed to carry the "Act to prohibit for a limited time the Exportation of Indian Corn &^{ca} by Land." into execution Cecil County; Capt John Cox, Baruch Williams, Samuel Glen, Henry Hollingsworth and Samuel Gilpin-

Kent, William Hanson, Gilbert Falconer, James Hynson near Ged^{s} Plant^{a} Queen Anns; Vachel Downes, Samuel Ridgway. William Wright Caroline; Thomas Hughlett, Joseph Richardson Harford; Benjamin Richardson, William Montgomery. Aquila Wiley at Macamson's Mill, Thomas Smith, at Perkins Ferry. William Smith, Bay side. December 22. Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 18

[Council to Capt. William Middleton.] December 22 Liber No. 78 p. 20

Your are hereby required to prevent all Vessels excepting the ferry Boats to Kent Island and Rock Hall from departing this Harbour until our further orders.

[Council to Job Garrettson, Esqr.] Ibid. p. 21

Enclosed is a Commission appointing you Sheriff of Baltimore County, you are immediately to qualify yourself as Sheriff and you are commanded without Delay to make or cause to be made due Proclamation of the enclosed Act to prevent the Exportation of Wheat Flour Corn &^{ca} at the Court House, Coffee House and other most public Places in Baltimore Town.

[Council to William Smith Daniel Bowley Samuel and Robert Purviance Esq^{r} and other Merchants of Baltimore] Ibid.

In Virtue of the Act to prohibit the Exportation of Corn &^{ca} we have issued our Mandate to prevent all the Vessels in Patapsco, the Port of Baltimore or any other the Branches of the said River except the Porpus and Nautilles employed to cruise in the State Service, from departing or removing therefrom for ten Days, and must solicit you to have an armed Vessel stationed in such Manner in the said River as effectually to prevent an Infringement of our Order. It gives us much Concern to be under the Necessity of so frequently troubling the Gentlemen of Baltimore to aid us in facilitating the Execution of almost every Measure that conduces to promote the Public Welfare but we hope our Circumstances will be deemed a sufficient Apology. We have appointed M^{r} Garretson a Sheriff of Baltimore and have sent a Copy of the above Act and directed him to make Proclamation of it

[Council Circular to the Commisaries of Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Dorset, and Somerset Counties.] Ibid.

You will take Charge of what Public Salt is in your County, and under the Direction of M^{r} Wederstrand at Present, for which you will pass your Receipt, and be answerable to this Board, for what quantity you may receive

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[Council Circular to the Persons appointed to carry the Embargo Act into Execution.]

Confiding in your Patriotic Zeal and Activity, we have appointed you in Conjunction with

to assist in carrying into Execution the enclosed Act to prohibit the Exportation of Indian Corn &ca a great Scarcity of the Articles enumerated in the Act will be created, Price will be enhanced and the Difficulties of obtaining Supplies for the Army will be augmented. If every Exertion is not made and the utmost Vigilance used to prevent a Removal of these Articles out of the State by designing and enterprising Persons whose Prospect of Grain [gain?] may induce them to attempt an Evasion of the said Act at every Hazard. We are too well acquainted with your Attachment to your Country, its Liberties and Independance to suppose the above Successions are by any Means necessary to stimulate you to give the greatest Attention to this Business, but we thought it our Duty to disclose what has occured to us relative to this Subject. When you stop any of the Articles enumerated in the said Act which is about to be carried or removed out of the State, You are to give Information of it to a Magistrate and cause it to be deposited in such Place as he shall appoint. You will take Care to let us know frequently what you do under the said Act.

Ibid.

[Council to General Washington.]

Yesterday we had the Honor of receiving your Excellencys Favour of the 10th Instant. The Instructions you were pleased to give relative to depositing the Supplies required of this State, shall be strictly attended to. We have the Honor to be with the highest Respect and Esteem &ca

Ibid.

[Council to Naval Officer of Baltimore.]

We have sent Mr Garretson the Sheriff of Baltimore an Act to prevent the Exportation of Indian Corn &ca and directed him to publish it immediately, As we have not Time to send you a Copy by this opportunity we refer you to him. We have likewise directed
p. 23 him to publish our Proclamation, preventing all Vessels from leaving the Port of Baltimore and the Branches of Patapsco for a limitted Time.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Ringgold Twenty two pounds, six shillings of the new Emission to be delivered over to Richard Spencer in lieu of eight hundred and ninety two pounds due him per Account passed by the Audr Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° William Hyde Thirty thou- December 23
sand Pounds to be by him delivered to John Longden who is to de- Liber C. B. No. 24
liver the same to Capt Richard Conway of Alexandria for Goods p. 18
purchased of him by this Board on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander C. Hanson one thousand five hundred pounds on Account.

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Col° Hollings- p. 19
worth ninety four pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence of the new Emission in lieu of three thousand, nine hundred and ninety three pounds, seven shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen West, one hundred and fifty Pounds, one hundred pounds, Fifty pounds and fifteen pounds of the new Emission on account of Stockings purchased of him by this Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Henry Hollingsworth one hundred and Eighty two pounds two shillings and eleven pence of the same Emission on Acc[t] and also ten hh[ds] of Tobacco weighing ten thousand three hundred and twenty eight pounds net to be accounted for at sixty Pounds ℔ hund. and four ℔ Cent.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Archibald M[c]Callister four pounds nineteen shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and ninety nine pounds ten shillings due him per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green fourteen pounds, seven shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of five hundred and seventy five pounds one shilling and eleven pence due him per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Archibald M[c]Callister, nine pounds, seven shillings and ten pence of the same Emission in lieu of three hundred and seventy five pounds, fifteen shillings due him per Acc[t] passed by the A. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds six pounds of the same Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Eastman one hundred Pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to Stephen Steward on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Randall one thousand Pounds of the same Emission on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Archibald Golder of the Regim[t] Extra coarse Linen for 10 Baggs

That John Bullen Esq[r] Quarter Master deliver to the said Captain Archibald Golder two axes.

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That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Archibald M^{c}Callister seventeen and a half Gallons of Rum, forty five pounds of sugar and twenty eight pounds of Coffee. and also to Capt. Gilbert Middleton Ten pounds of Candles.

Philip Casson is hereby appointed Commissary of Purchases for Caroline County in the room of Nathaniel Potter deceased.

Permission granted to Archibald Buchanan Esquire, to solicit Leave of His Excellency General Washington or the Commander of the American Lines to go into New York for the purpose of transacting private Business to return again into this State.

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[Council to Messrs. William Smith, Daniel Bowley and other Merchants in Baltimore.]

The State Boats have returned and to relieve you from the Trouble of procuring an Armed Vessel and stationing her in the Manner we requested. We have ordered Captain Gilbert Middleton of the Plater on that Duty and given him Instructions how to conduct himself to prevent the Vessels from removing out of Patapsco River and its Branches.

Ibid.

[Council to Captain Conway.]

We send you by M^{r} Longoon 30,000 Pounds Continental Money, and wish it had been the whole Sum due you which shall be transmitted as soon as we can command it.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt Gilbert Middleton.]

You are to proceed immediately in the State Boat Plater to the Fort at Baltimore and Station her in such a Manner as to prevent all Vessels in Patapsco River and its Branches and Creeks except the Porpus and Nautillis from departing or removing therefrom for nine Days or you receive our further Order to the contrary.

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Tuesday 26th December 1780.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Doct. James Murray one hundred Pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain William Middleton thirty nine pounds eleven shillings & three pence of the same Emission in lieu of fifteen hundred & eighty two pounds ten shillings p Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Chever two pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence half penny of the New Emission. in lieu of one hundred and nineteen pounds due him per Acc^{t} passed by the A. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Gabriel Petterson Vanhorne Eighty eight Pounds four shillings and ten pence of the same Emission in lieu of three thousand five hundred and twenty nine pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] December 26 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 20

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt William Middleton of the Dolphin two Gallons of Rum for himself per month, two rations per Day eight pounds of sugar and four and a half pounds of Coffee per month and one and a half Gallons of Rum for each Hand ꝑ month and one ration per Day from the sixteenth of the present Month.

Wednesday 27th December 1780

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esquire Fifty pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker five pounds, three shillings of the same Emission in lieu of two hundred and six pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

[Council Circular to the purchasing Commissaries of Calvert, St. Mary's, Charles, Prince Georges, and Montgomery Counties.] December 27 Liber No. 78 p. 23

As we have the most pressing Demands for Provision to be deposited or sent forward for the Army. We request you will use every Exertion in Purchasing all the Pork and Beef for sale with you and have it salted. The Averige Price of Pork in the State we apprehend not to be above fifty shillings Gold ꝑ hundred at any Rate you are not to exceed three Pounds Gold ꝑ hundred payable in the new Bills at the Exchange, if you cannot obtain it at three Pounds or under you are to inform us. We cannot mention any particular Price for Beef but expect you will buy it on the best Terms you can and that you will inform us of the quantity you have the Prospect of obtaining and at what Price. You will take the most effectual Steps to procure Barrels which are necessary, and we shall supply you with such Quantity of Salt you may think necessary to secure your Purchase, of which you will immediately inform us. p. 24

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Martin Norris six pounds, two shillings of the new Emission in lieu of Two hundred and forty four pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Mathew Driver fourteen shillings and four pence of the same Emission in lieu of Twenty nine

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pounds sixteen shillings and three pence for the use of Vincent Price due him per Acco[t] passed by D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire forty six pounds seventeen shillings and six pence of the same Emission on Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot sixteen shillings and ten pence half penny in lieu of thirty three pounds, fifteen shillings per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Ross Key seven hundred and fifty Pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to George Murdock on Account

That the Armourer deliver to Thomas Morton one three pound field piece with fixt ammunition, fifteen Muskets & Cartouch Boxes & ten rounds Cartridges to each Musket to be delivered over to Col[o] John Weems for the use of the Militia of Ann Arundel County.

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Friday 29[th] December 1780

Ordered That M[r] John Shaw immediately repair the Carriages belonging to the small Cannon or field pieces at this place, and where they cannot be repaired to be serviceable that new ones be made

It appears to this Board from Information given that Andrew M[c]Curty of St. Mary's County and Clark Pilot and resident of said County and David Hunter Pilot and resident of Calvert County have been seen with the Enemy, and this and the Neighbouring State being at this time invaded by Privateers and Cruisers of the Enemy, We deem the going at Large of the said Andrew

p. 21 M[c]Curty Clark and David Hunter to be dangerous to the safety of this State. We do therefore hereby authorize require and Command the Lieutenants of the said Counties to arrest the said Andrew M[c]Curty Clark and David Hunter and them send immediately before us under a sufficient Guard.

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Saturday 30[th] December 1780

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Alexander Trueman Eight Pounds eight shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred and thirty seven Pounds ten shillings and five Pounds three shillings and one penny half penny of the same Emission in lieu of Two hundred and six pounds, five shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esq[r] Fifty Pounds Specie for a Horse purchased of him by the Governor and Council for M[r] Green to go to Philadelphia for the plates for the Emission of money.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Murdock Twenty Pounds Specie to be expended in procuring necessaries for the Convention Troops in Fred. Town on Acc[t] December 30 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 21

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Joseph Smith of Col° Nath[l] Gists Regiment, seven pounds, nineteen shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred and nineteen pounds, ten shillings p Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Peter Adams Twenty one Pounds fourteen shillings and two pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of Eight hundred and sixty eight pounds Eight shillings and four pence due him per account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Trueman thirty Pounds of the same Emission on Account agreeably to the Resolution of the Gen[l] Ass[y] of this date

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Capt. Alexander Trueman seventeen and a half gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of sugar due him to this Inst. and also to Capt. Joseph Smith Twelve Gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of Sugar due him to the 31[st] Instant.

That the Armourer deliver to Col° Peter Adams one pound of Powder and five pound Lead on Account.

That Mess[rs] Vanswearingen and Thomas Beatty Commissioners for Frederick County deliver to George Murdock all the public Corn in their hands.

That Col° Thomas Price Commissary of Frederick County deliver to the said George Murdock as much Beef, Pork, flour, Bran & Shorts as he may have occasion for in supplying the Convention Troops.

That Christopher Edelin Esquire Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to the said George Murdock for the use of the Convention Troops and their Guard fifteen thousand Pounds to be by him accounted for.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Benjamin Weeks Commander of the Brig Cato, mounting fourteen Carriage Guns, navigated by Forty men, belonging to Samuel and William Smith Daniel Bowly and John Gwinn of Baltimore Town in the State of Maryland.

[Council to Colonel Baker Johnson.]

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M[r] Murdock having informed us that Colonel Wood has ordered a Guard over the Magazine near Frederick Town, we request you to discharge that appointed by us. We wish you to distribute the Arms in your County into the Hands of such Persons as you can trust, taking such Receipts therefor as will make them answerable for them

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[Council to John S. Brookes, Esqr.]

We wrote to you yesterday since which we find it necessary to direct you to send all the Cattle you procure on the Hoof immediately to Frederick Town to be delivered to M^r George Murdock for the use of the Convention Troops and desire this may be done as soon as you can make up fifteen or twenty Head.

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[Council to Major John Steward.]

The Sloop Porpus and State Boat Dolphin were fitted out and are put under your Command for the purpose of annoying and as far as in your Power expelling the Privateers of the Enemy now committing Depredations on the Trade and Inhabitants of this State within the Chesapeak Patomack and Patuxent Rivers. By Information lately received their Force consists of three Schooners of twelve four Pounders one of 6 threes and another of 4 threes, they have beside three or four Barges of considerable strength. You will act with such Caution as to avoid engaging a Vessel greatly your superiour. The length of the Cruize will depend so much upon Circumstances and Events, that we submit the Continuance of it to your Discretion with full Reliance on your Zeal Activity Courage and Judgement, you are appointed to conduct this Expedition

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Monday 1^st January 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Eagerly of the 2^nd Maryland Regim^t Thirty Pounds of the new Emission agreeably to a Resolution of the General Assembly passed the 30^th of December last, on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Christopher Lybrant Twenty seven pounds thirteen shillings and one penny half penny of the same Emission for five Rheams and eighteen Quires of paper purchased of him for the use of the Public.

That the said Treasurer deliver to Richard Dallam Twenty eight hh^ds of Tobacco weighing twenty seven thousand four hundred and seven pounds net with four ℔ Cent is twenty eight thousand five hundred and three pounds sold him at fifteen shillings specie ℔ Cent.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph Smith Capt in Col^o Nath^l Gist's Regiment Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts in part of the Articles allowed by the Gen^l Assembly for the year 1781

Commission issued to William Weems appointed Captain of the sloop Porpoise to cruise against the Pickaroons in the Bay.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to William Weems Commander of the sloop Porpoise Eighty five Tons burthen navigated by eighteen men mounting six carriage Guns four Howitz

and one Swivel belonging to John Davidson Charles Wallace and Stephen Steward of Maryland and Robert Morris of Philadelphia. 1781 January 1 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 22

Tuesday 2d January 1781 January 2 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 22

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Nathan Atkinson thirteen pounds fifteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of five hundred and fifty pounds due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro Thirty four pounds nine shillings of the same Emission in lieu of one thousand three hundred and seventy eight pounds due him p Account passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to John Johnson three Pounds seven shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of Three hundred and sixty Dollars for the use of John Ball p Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Henry Baldwin of the third Regimt Thirty Pounds of the same Emission allowed by a Resolution of the 30th of December last on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Robert Chesley of the 2nd Regimt Linen for four shirts in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly.

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Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Major John Steward for the use of the sloop Porpoise on her Cruize down the Bay against the Pickaroons two 4H Guns, two ship carriages for ditto two 4H Ladles and worms four 4H Rammers and spunges, three 3H Ladles and worms, four 3H Rammers and Spunges, six lint stocks nine prickers, six pounds Match rope twenty four Cutlasses four powder horns sixty six 4H Cartridges of grape Shot, one dozen thimbles, twenty four pair handcuffs eight Muskets with Bayonets ten Cartridge boxes eight Bayonet belts, twenty four prickers & brushes, 200 Muskt Cartridges & 60 Gun flints

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Baldwin Ten shillings of the new Emission in lieu of Twenty pounds due him per Acct passed by Aud. Genl p. 23

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Joseph Middleton seven Pounds six shillings and three pence of the same Emission in lieu of two hundred and ninety two pounds ten shillings for the use of James Hodges due him p Acct passed by A. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Walsh four pounds ten shillings of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and Eighty pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

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That the said Treasurer pay to David Craufurd seventy Pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to John Beall Contrator for Houses in Prince Georges County on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Lusby seven pounds and three pence of the same Emission in lieu of two hundred and eighty Pounds Eleven shillings and three pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

In virtue of the Act entitled " An Act for calling out of circulation the Quota of this State of the Bills of credit issued by Congress and the Bills of credit emitted by Acts of Assembly under the old Government and by the Resolves of Convention " Henry Dickinson Treasurer of the Eastern shore in Conjunction with Philip Walker and Joseph Richardson are hereby appointed Signers of the new Bills of Credit Emitted agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly.

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[Council to Henry Dickinson, Esqr.]

Agreeable to an Act passed at the present Session entitled an Act for calling out of Circulation the Quota of this State of the Bills of Credit emitted by Acts of Assembly under the old Government and by the Resolves of Convention. We do therefore by the Power vested in us, appoint and authorize you in Conjunction with M[r] Philip Walker and M[r] Joseph Richardson to be Signers of the new Bills of Credit sent to you, for the Purposes specified in the aforesaid Act. You will immediately give the proper Notice that the People may avail themselves of the Time limited by the said Act

Thursday 4[th] January 1781

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Dallam Eight hundred pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to Richard Dallam Commissary of Purchases for Harford County on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir sixty seven pounds ten shillings of the same Emission to be delivered over to Capt George Keeports on Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to Brice T. B. Worthington Esquire twenty shillings of the same Emission in lieu of Forty pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud[r] General.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire five hundred Pounds of the same Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captains Robert Chesely, John Sprigg Belt, James Lingan and Henry Lyles each, Thirty Pounds of the same Emission agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly passed at the present Session.

That M[r] John Dorsey of Baltimore deliver to Richard Dallam four Boxes of sugar to be accounted for at six pounds ℔ ℔.

That the Collector of the Tax for Calvert County pay to Patrick Sim Smith Esquire Commissary of Purchases for the County aforesaid sixty thousand Pounds on Account. January 4 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 23

That the Commissary of stores deliver to Captains Henry Lyles, James Lingan and John Sprigg Belt each a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts and to Captain Robert Chesely one Suit of Cloaths due them for the year 1780.

Ordered That the Issuing Commissary Deliver to Captains Robert Chesely, John Sprigg Belt, and James Lingan each twenty four Gallons of Rum and ninety six pounds of Sugar due them for the year 1780 inclusive. p. 24

[Council to Richard Dallam, Esqr.] January 4 Liber No. 78

We have enclosed you an Order on M^r^ Deney for four Boxes of Sugar agreeable to your Request, and is the opinion of this Board that you account for it, at the present current Price here, which is six Pounds ℔ Pound, and we cannot think of selling it for a less Price than is in common given. p. 25

You will also receive eight hundred Pounds of the new Emission by this opportunity to compleat the Purchase of the Wheat mentioned in your Letter

[Council to Henry Sheaff Esqr.] Ibid. p. 26

We are applied to by Capt. James Lingan John Bealt and Robert Chesley who were Prisoners on Long Island at the Time we requested you to advance to our Officers then in Captivity a Sum of Money sufficient to discharge their Arrearages of Board but were exchanged before they knew any thing of such Advance. We therefore shall esteem it a favor if you will direct that a Sum of Money not exceeding forty Pounds to each Officer to be paid to Colonel Marbury to be by him applied as the officers abovementioned may direct

[Council to Thomas Harwood, Esqr.] Ibid.

We shall immediately appoint a proper Guard to escort the new Continental Bills to the Eastern Shore Treasurer, agreeably to the Direction of the Act for calling out of Circulation the Quota of this State &^ca^ And we hope you will have the Bills in Readiness to forward as soon as one of the State Boats return to this Harbour.

[Council to Patrick Sim Smith, Esqr.] Ibid.

We would have you continue to purchase Wheat, to enable you to do it we have enclosed an Order on the Collector for £6000, you will have the Wheat manufactured into common Flour and not separate the seconds from the Fine, our State Boats are on a Cruize

January 4 Liber No. 78 p. 26 as soon as they return we shall send for the Flour from Colonel Fitzhughs Mill.

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[Council to Richard Harrison, Esqr.]

We have loaded the Brigs Cato and Fox and Schooner Nautilles with Flour for the Havannah, where their Cargoes are to be sold; and if it should appear advantegeous to the State, these Vessels are to be loaded with Sugar for Cadiz to your Address. We enclose you a Copy of the Agreement made with the owners of the Vessels by which you will observe one half of each is to be loaded with Goods on Account of the State. We expect if Bills can be obtained at the Havannah, that our Agent will remit you a sufficient sum with the Sale of the Sugars to fill up our half of the Vessels, if this should not be the Case, we hope you will be able to do it by taking Goods on Freight. We enclose you a Scheme for Goods, the Risque of which you will divide as equal as Circumstances will admit, as the Demands for furnishing our Army are pressing, we rely on your Exertions to procure the Articles ordered for that Purpose, and that you will dispatch the Vessels before any Expence of Demurrage is encurred, you will either diminish or increase the Articles mentioned in the Scheme according to the Subject in Hand, holding in Idea that the Soldiers Cloathing are the most neccessary.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Henry Lyles of the third Regim^{t} Capt Robert Chesely of the 2nd Regim^{t} Cap^{t} John S. Belt of the 4th Regim^{t} and Capt. James Lingan of the late Rawlings's Regiment each, nineteen pounds, four shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of seven hundred and sixty pounds ten shillings due them per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Snowden Taylor one pound nineteen shillings and two pence of the same Emission in lieu of seventy eight pounds six shillings and Eight pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esquire one hundred Dollars of the same Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Leigh two hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to Capt. Joseph Ford on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Henry Gaither of the 1st Reg^{t} Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts due him in full for the present year, and also to Thomas Hunter and John Cheney late soldiers of the 1st Regim^{t} each, one Coat on Account

David Hunter of Calvert County being brought before this Board, according to an order of the 29th December last, and on Examining the Evidences touching the said Hunter's going on board the Enemy. The Board were of Opinion that the Charge was not supported and therefore Ordered that the said David Hunter be discharged. January 5 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 24

[Council to the Governor of the Havannah.] January 5 Liber No. 78

We were honored with your Excellencys Address of the 15 October Your allowing Mr Dorsey the highest current Price for the Flour that could be obtained and your Assistance in the Management of his Business and the Civilities shewn him demand our Acknowledgement. The motives assigned for the Detention of the Fox is fully satisfactory, and convinces us that no Blame is imputable to the Agent for the Delay. The Difficulty of procuring Military Stores and Cloathing in America for our Officers Army and Soldiers added to our earnest Desire to supply his Catholic Majestys Fleets and Armies with Provision have induced us to export the further quantity of Barrels of Flour in their Bottoms which we have consigned to Mr Dorsey and in Case of his Death or Absence to Mr Robert Smith a Gentleman of equal Merit and Integrity who we beg leave to introduce to your Excellency's Notice. If by means of your Excellency's Assistance and good offices, Mr Deney would be furnished with such military Stores and Cloathing as we have directed him to procure, it would contribute to the essential Defence and Supplies of the common Cause, and render supplies of those necessary Articles of which we have the utmost occasion, less precarious. It is our wish that these Vessels should be dispatched with the greatest Expedition, for if any extraordinary Circumstances should intervene to procrastinate their Departure it will be highly disadvantageous by depriving us of the Power our furnishing our Troops with Cloathing within the Time expected. We are well assured your Excellencys Inclination to promote our Interest will correspond with our Wishes to remove every obstacle which has not been dictated by indispensable Necessity to detain our Vessels in Port beyond the necessary Time. p. 27 p. 28

[Council to Robert Dorsey Esqr. Havannah.] Ibid.

You will receive herewith Copys of the Agreement which we have entered into with Colonel Samuel Smith for the Brig Cato and I with Messrs Dorsey and Company for the Brig Fox and Schooner Nautilles each on a Voyage to and from the Havannah, likewise of the Terms on which those Vessels are to proceed to Cadiz provided you think it most to the Advantage of the State. This we apprehend will depend in some Measure upon your being able to obtain Bills for what may remain in your Hands after loading the Vessels

January 5 agreeable to the Terms, and for the Ballance due on the Voyage by
Liber No. 78 the Fox, otherwise we are doubtful whether we should have a sufficient Sum in Cadiz, to purchase as much as the Vessels are to bring back Freight free for the State, of these and other Circumstances you must be the best Judge. We rely on your Direction and Conduct in the Transaction of this Business, and shall only suggest that the Advantages of the Voyage to Cadiz must appear considerable to compensate for the additional Risque and Delay of remittance. We leave the enclosed to M^r^ Richard Harrison open for your perusal and Government. The Vessels are to be eventually consigned to him. If his Excellency the Governor of the Havannah should in Consequence of our Request to him consent to supply us on reason-
p. 29 able Terms with the whole or the most material Articles contained in the Invoice enclosed to M^r^ Harrison, in that Case we would have one or more of the Vessels to return immediately, according to the Quantity of the Supplies you obtain, Such Supplies to be shiped on Account of the State.

Ibid. [Council to Governor Jefferson.]

A certain Joseph Shoemaker is confined in Baltimore County Goal as a Prisoner of War, he was taken in Cheasepeak Bay and has a Captains Commission from the Enemy. It has been intimated to us that he is a Subject of your State and formerly resided in York Town. If upon Enquiry your Excellency should be of opinion that he is a Subject of Virginia and you think proper to claim he shall be sent under a Sufficient Guard to Alexandria and delivered to such Persons as you shall direct to receive him there, and in the mean Time he shall remain in Custody. Your Excellency will be so obliging as to inform us as early as possible.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Ford.]

We send you by M^r^ George Leigh £250 of the new Emission and shall continue to supply you with a further Sum as you may have occasion. The public Salt in your Hands is to be applied in curing Pork and Beef you may purchase having received an order from the Commissary General for it. We request you to forward the Cattle you procure on the Hoof proper for immediate use to Frederick Town to be delivered to M^r^ George Murdock for the use of the Convention Troops and desire this may be done as fast as you can make up 15 or 20 Head. We desire to be informed at what Price you can dispose of any Quantity of Tobacco laying in S^t^ Marys and Charles Counties. It will not be proper to risk any the Supplies by Water until you receive our further orders

Saturday 6th January 1781 — January 6 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 24

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Clement Skerret of Capt. Browns Company of Artillery Linen for two shirts in part of the Articles allowed for the year 1781. And also to Joel Baker a Recruit for the Maryland Artillery a suit of Cloaths &ca the Bounty allowed by the Genl Assembly.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to the said Lieut Clement Skerret Thirty pounds of the new Emission agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly passed 30th December last on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Cleland Eleven pounds five shillings of the same Emission in lieu of four hundred and fifty pounds due himself Three pounds, two shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and twenty five pounds for the use of Gideon Ireland and also Three pounds, two shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and twenty five pounds for the use of Driver Greaves due them p Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo James Kent sixty nine Pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of two thousand seven hundred and eighty nine pounds five shillings to be delivered over to Colo Philip Fiddeman per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Lieut. John J. Jacob of the 6th Regiment thirty Pounds of the new Emission agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly passed the 30 December last on Account and also the further sum of Four pounds four shillings and a half penny of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and sixty eight pounds ten shillings due him p Acct passed by the A. Genl — p. 25

That the Commissary of Issues deliver to the said Capt John J. Jacob four Gallons of Rum and twenty four pounds of Sugar due him for the year 1780

That the Lieutenant of Ann Arundel County be requested to furnish immediately a Guard of Militia to consist of one Captain and two privates to escort sixty thousand Dollars of the new Bills emitted by Congress to the Treasurer of the Eastern shore.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Hutchinson Two hundred pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to John S. Brookes on account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll one hundred and seventy five pounds of the same Emission in lieu of an Order of the 14th July last in his favor for seven thousand pounds, which said order is now returned.

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That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esquire twenty four pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John King Eleven pounds five shillings of the same Emission in lieu of four hundred and fifty pounds due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John M^{c}fadon three pounds four shillings and one penny half penny of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and twenty eight pounds, five shillings due him p Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Annis five pounds, one shilling and three pence of the same Emission in lieu of two hundred and two pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Middleton nineteen pounds four shillings and four pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of two thousand and fifty Dollars due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain John Pitt fourteen pounds one shilling and three pence of the same Emission in lieu of fifteen hundred Dollars due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Gilbert Middleton one hundred and seventeen pounds six shillings and three pence of the same Emission in lieu of Four thousand six hundred and ninety two pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer deliver to Doct^{r} Henry Schnebely twenty hhds. of Tobacco, weighing seventeen thousand seven hundred and thirty nine pounds net to be by him delivered over to George Murdock Esquire on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Doct. Henry Schnebely five days rations for six men who bro^{t} Waggons from Fred. & Washington Counties, and also to Lieut. James M^{c}fadon of Capt. Browns Comp^{y} of Artillery, four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of Sugar in full for the year 1780.

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. James M^{c}fadon of the Maryland Artillery Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts for the year 1781

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[Council to Colonel Crocket.]

We send you by this opportunity an Act empowering the Trustees to rent out the poor House, on the Receipt of which they will probably enter into Terms with you, which we very much wish. Colonel Wood gave Capt. Bradie a Permission to reside in the State of Maryland until further Orders, with which we concurred, and refer you to Colonel Wood for further particulars on this Subject.

[Council to Mr. George Murdock] January 8
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We send you by Doc[t] Scheneleby 20 Hogsheads of Tobacco and p. 30
have wrote to the Commissary of Montgomery Prince Georges Charles and S[t] Marys Counties to forward to you all the Beef on the Hoof they can It is not in our Power to supply you with any continental Money.

[Council to Trustees for the Poor of Frederick County] Ibid.

The Intention of the General Assembly in passing the enclosed Act was principally to obtain Accomodations for Part of the Convention Troops in Frederick Town, and it is our Wish that you may make it convenient to rent the poor House to Col. Wood with as little Delay as possible.

[Council to Mr. John Brookes] Ibid.

We have received yours of the 6[th] Instant and shall send the Salt you desire in two or three Days. M[r] Hutchinson will deliver you £250 of the new Emission which is the only kind of Money we are enabled to send you, we request you will exert yourself in procuring Provisions and send to M[r] George Murdock of Frederick Town all the Beef on the Hoof that you have received or may receive.

[Council to The House of Delegates.] Ibid.
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Agreeable to your request communicated by Col. Dashiel, We enclose you a List of Commissaries. We are not acquainted with any Complaint against any of the Commissaries nor can we point out any Instances of Misconduct. We believe they have executed the Duties of the office with Fidelity. It was not in their Power to answer fully the Purposes of their Appointment because we could not supply them with Money and the People would not sell their Property for Certificates.

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Ordered the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Clement Sker- p. 26
ret of Capt. Brownes Company of Artillery one pound, one shilling and six pence of the new Emissions in lieu of forty three pounds two shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Gilbert Middleton eleven pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of four hundred and sixty five pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Schnebely nine hundred and sixty three pounds, eleven shillings and one penny three farthings of the same Emission in lieu of thirty eight thousand five hun-

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p. 26 That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander Contee Hanson Esquire one hundred pounds of the same Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Col[o] Peter Adams Two hundred and seventy pounds of the same Emission, thirty pounds to be by him retained and thirty pounds to be delivered over to each of the following Officers viz. Major Levin Winder, Captains John Jordan, William Bruce John Mitchell, Samuel M[c]Pherson, Richard Waters Edward Compton and Peter Hardcastle agreeably to a Resolution of the Gen[l] Assembly of the 30[th] Decem[r] last on Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Brewer forty nine pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence farthing of the same Emission in lieu of one thousand nine hundred and eighty nine pounds, fourteen shillings and four pence half penny due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire three hundred and forty three pounds fifteen shillings of the same Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Schnebely Fifty pounds of the same Emission to be by him expended in the purchase of Forage for the Horses committed to his Charge and to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Dorsey Contractor for Horses in Ann Arundel County four hundred and sixty four pounds, three shillings and two pence farthing of the same Emission in lieu of eighteen thousand five hundred and sixty six pounds seven shillings and six pence in part of his Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Gassaway Watkins two pounds ten shillings of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred pounds for the use of Benjamin Ogle due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Clement Skerret eight Gallons of Rum & six pounds of sugar due him for the year 1780 inclusive

p. 27 That the Commissioners appointed to procure Provisions under the Act for the immediate supply of Flour &[ca] or either of them furnish Doct[r] Henry Schnebely with what Bran and shorts he may think necessary to support the public Horses in his Care which they have procured under said Act and also that the Commissary of Purchases for Washington County supply the said Henry Schnebely with those Articles in his hands belonging to the public in case they should be required.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Rich[d] Johns Commander of the Schooner Little Davy seventy Tons burthen, navigated by ten men, mounting four Swivel Guns, belonging to William Taylor & Comp[y] of Baltimore. January 9 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 27

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.] January 9 Liber No. 78 p. 31

You will be so obliging as to deliver to M[r] Henry Schenebely twelve of the Horses that are unfit for Present Service with Forage for them. He having agreed with this Board to take Charge of them for the winter. You will take his receipt for them.

Wednesday 10[th] January 1781 January 10 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 27

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut William Murdock of the 6[th] Regiment Ten pounds eight shillings and ten pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of four hundred and seventeen pounds, fifteen shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Lieut William Murdock fifteen and a half Gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of sugar due him for the year 1780.

An order of the 8[th] September last on Capt. Samuel Godman in favor of James Calhoun Esq[r] for six thousand, one hundred and twenty one Pounds two shillings and nine pence and another of the same date on Joshua Cockey one of the Collectors for Baltimore County in favor of the said James Calhoun for ten thousand pounds are returned unpaid.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Cowman, one hundred and sixty one pounds, six shillings of the new Emission in lieu of six thousand four hundred and fifty two pounds due him per account passed by the Aud Gen[l]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph Fearson of the first Regim[t] one pair of shoes and one pair of Stockings.

[Council to Mr. Thomas Richardson] January 11 Liber No. 78 p. 31

We send you by this opportunity Bushels of Salt, and if a further Quantity is necessary we will send it on Notice, unless you can purchase it in your Neighbourhood on reasonable Terms, perhaps it may be proper to procure a small Quantity of Allum Salt at any rate to mix with what we send, tho the quallity of it is very good being about four years old. We are sorry to find you have not a Prospect of sending to M[r] Murdoch more than 15 or 20 Head of Cattle on the Hoof. We have been informed that some might be procured in the upper Parts of Montgomery County in the Neigh-

January 11 Liber No. 78 p. 31 bourhood of Mr Smith, we request you to enquire and to forward all you can and as speedily as possible. You will receive by of the new Emission, the Exchange we believe at present for continental Money to be from 85 to 90

Ibid. p. 32 [Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.]

We send you by this opportunity about 25 Bushels of Salt, which we hope will answer as the Quality of it for country Salt is very good being about 4 years old. A further Supply shall be sent as you may have occasion for it. The Demand for Beef on the Hoof for the Prisoners at Frederick Town is pressing.

Ibid. [Council Circular to the Lieutenants of the several Counties, except Baltimore.]

We have certain Information that a Party of the Enemy composed of refugees and new Levies from New York, and Long Island about 2500 or 3000 strong, headed by General Arnold took Possession of Richmond on friday last and sent a strong Detachment to Petersburgh; They have destroyed the public works near Richmond and threaten to do the same in Petersburgh. Their object is plunder and after they have accomplished their Business in Virginia, it is more than probable they will visit us, every Preparative ought therefore to be immediately made to put the State in a proper Posture of Defence, and to prevent the military Stores and Provision from falling into their Hands; for the Attainment of which Ends we desire you to order the Whole Militia of your County to put themselves in Readiness to march at a minutes Warning to such Place as they shall be commanded. The Small Arms ought to be instantly examined and cleaned fit for Service, and every Step taken Disposition made vigorously to resist those Invaders of our Country, you may depend upon receiving from us every Assistance in our Power.

Ibid. [Council to Captain George Keeports.]

We request to have all the Cannon Carriages for field Pieces under your Direction repaired with all possible Expedition to render them fit for service, where the old cannot be repaired, new ones must be immediately made, you will also have all the small Arms p. 33 repaired, cleaned and made fit for the field, heavy Cannon except four which may be useful at the Fort must be removed to Elk Ridge Landing. as soon as the small Cannons are fitted with Carriages you will order Carriages to be made for the heavy Canon that they may be removed into the Country if necessary. We expect your Utmost Exertions in this Business and flatter ourselves that the workmen in Baltimore Town will readily undertake this Business. We refer you to General Buchanan for any further Directions

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Colonel Stone has just received a Letter from M^r^ Hooe an Extract of which is enclosed. It is most probable that the Enemy will visit us as soon as they have accomplished their object in Virginia, which we are satisfied is to plunder, harrass and distress our People, what induces us to conclude that to be the Design is the Character of the General and the Men he commands being composed of Refugees and new Levies from New York. We think every Preparation ought to be made to put us in a proper State of Resistance in Case our State should be invaded and every Precaution taken to prevent the military Stores from falling into the Hands of the Enemy. We have directed M^r^ Keeports to have the Carriage belonging to the Cannon repaired as speedily as possible, and if any of them from Decay should be irreparable to have new ones made. It will be proper to remove all the heavy Cannon except three or four to be left at the Fort, which is not fit for field Pieces, to Elk Ridge Landing immediately. We desire you to order the whole Militia of your County to put themselves in Readiness to march at a minutes Warning. The small Arms ought to be examined and cleaned fit for Service and every Step taken and Disposition made to enable us to make a vigorous and obstinate Stand, at this critical and trying Conjuncture. We cannot supply you with Money at this Time and trust that no Difficulty will be made on that Account for the people employed by the Public may rely on being amply rewarded and fully compensated for every Service, and they may be reminded that their Liberty Property and every thing they esteem and hold dear depends on their Assistance and Exertions. We wish you would give M^r^ Keeports every aid to execute our Orders.

[Council to General Gist] Ibid.
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The Governor and Council will be glad to see you as soon as it is convenient having received some interesting Intelligence

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Ordered That John Fenwick Collector of St. Marys County pay to Joseph Ford Purchaser of Horses for said County Two thousand four hundred pounds to be by him Accounted for.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Jonathan Sellman of the 4^th^ Regim^t^ and Lieut. George Jacobs of the 6^th^ Regim^t^ each, Thirty Pounds of the new Emission agreeably to a Resolve of the Gen^l^ Assembly of the 30 Dec^r^ last.

That the said Treasurer deliver to Col^o^ Henry Hollingsworth two hundred and fifty Pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to Baruch Williams Commissary for Cecil County on Account.

January 12 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 27 That the said Treasurer pay to John Stephens fifteen pounds of the same Emission in lieu of six hundred pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. General

That the said Treasurer pay to John Beall five hundred & four pounds fifteen shillings and one penny three farthings of the same Emission in lieu of twenty thousand one hundred & ninety pounds six shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the A. Genl

p. 28 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro one hundred and fifty Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John King one hundred and fifty Pounds on account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mat. Ridley Esquire five thousand and eighty Dollars to be by him delivered over to George Plater Esqr on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Clarke one thousand three hundred and fifty pounds to be by him delivered over to John Bullen Quarter Master on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Peter Adams for the use of the following Officers each Thirty pounds of the new Emission allowed them by the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 30th December last. Colo Hall, Majors Dean, Eccleston, Roxburgh, and John Steward. Captains Henry Gaither Edward Pratt, John Gale, Benjamin Price, Horatio Clagett, William Wilmot, Thomas Lansdale, William Riely, Edward Spurrier, John Hawkins, Bird, William D. Beall, Henry Orendorf, James Somervill, John Lynn, Capt. Lieuts Archibald McCallister, Lloyd Beall, Lieutenants Christopher Richmond, John Boone, John Smoot, Francis Revelly, John Carr, Thomas Price John Hamilton, William Murdock, James John Skinner, Robert Denny, John Chever, Isaac Rawlings, Robert Wilmot, Ensigns Jacob Cranford, John Lowe and Edward Sears amounting in the whole to Twelve hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Campbell Three thousand five hundred pounds to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Jonathan Sellman Linen for two shirts Cloth for a waist Breeches & Trimmings for a Coat for the year 1780 and Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts for the present year.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to John Shaw two Gallons of Rum for the people employed in removing the Cannon.

Commission issued to Joseph Wilkinson Esquire appointed Lieutenant of Calvert County Militia in the room of Benja Mackall 4th resigned

Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to James Gould Commander of the Schooner Hope eighty three Tons burthen

navigated by twelve men, mounting six Carriage Guns and five small arms belonging to James Jaffrey and Comp^{y} of Baltimore. James Buchanan Commander of the Brig Ranger one hundred and thirty Tons burthen navigated by forty two Men Mounting fourteen Carriage Guns & six Swivels belonging to Mathew Ridley and Company of Baltimore Town and also to Thomas Steel Commander of the Brig Fox one hundred and fifteen Tons burthen navigated by twenty two Men, mounting Ten Carriage and four Swivel Guns belonging to John Dorsey & Company of Baltimore. January 12 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 28

[Council to Baruch Williams, Esqr.] January 12 Liber No. 78 p. 34

By the Resolution of Congress of the 25th February last, this State was required to supply two hundred Tons of Hay, and to deposit that Article at such Posts and in such Proportions as his Excellency General Washington should think expedient and direct. We request you to procure and deliver to Colonel Hollingsworth such Quantity of good Hay as with what has been already purchased for that Post will make one hundred and sixty Tons and two thousand Bushels Short Forage. We expect you will be particularly attentive to this Businenss and every Assistance in our Power shall be afforded. We send by Colonel Hollingsworth £250 of the new Emission you will inform us of your Prospect in procuring those Articles.

[Council to Capt. William Middleton.] Ibid.

You are immediately to proceed down the Bay in the Dolphin as low as the Mouth of Patuxent River, keeping a good look out. If you discover the Vessels of the Enemy or obtain authentic Information of their Movements up the Bay in Force, you are to return and make your Report to us, as soon as you land.

[Council to Mr. Augustine Gambril] Ibid.

We think it necessary to remove from this Place, Stores of Several kinds to the Indian Landing, of Course we shall have Occasion for a House there for their Reception. M^{r} Forster's is represented to us as proper for that Purpose, we therefore request of you to deliver the keys thereof to Capt. Philemon Warfield and you may be assured M^{r} Forster shall receive full Compensation for the Time the Public may have Possession of his House

[Council to Colonel Adams.] Ibid. p. 35

We shall be much obliged to you to take into your Charge and have closely confined eight Prisoners taken in the active Privateer from New York and also Dennis M^{c}Carthy the Commander of the said Privateer, the eight Prisoners above mentioned will be delivered to you by Capt. Samuel Howard and Capt M^{c}Carthy is out on Parole and lodges with Nichols Welsh near Colonel Brices. You'll be so obliging as to send there for them

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[Council to Mr. Patrick Sim Smith]

As there is a pressing Demand for Provision for the Support of the Convention Troops, we desire you to send all the Beef you procure on the Hoof to M^r George Murdoch in Frederick Town and that you forward them as soon as you make up 15 or 20 in a Drove.

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Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Nathaniel Shepherd of M^r Rutlands Sloop rations for himself and hands whilst in the public Service

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway one hundred Dollars of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Harvey Howard forty seven pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the same Emission due him p Acc^t passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the Armourer deliver to Capt Thomas Steel of the Brig Fox six pound of Match rope.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to James Kiersted Commander of the Schooner Nautilus one hundred and three Tons burthen, navigated by twenty men, mounting eight Carriage Guns belonging to John Dorsey & C° Baltimore

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[Council to Colonel Hooe.]

We this Moment received your Favor of this Day and will most chearfully contribute our Assistance on this Day and every other occasion to enable your State to repel the common Enemy. We can Supply you with four eighteen Pounders and three nines and one hundred eighteen Pounds of Shot and the like Number of nine Pound shot, ten Barrels of Powder, (six of Canon and four of Musquet) Dorsey and Company have two twelve Pounders here with Carriages which they offer to lend. The Carriages belonging to Canon are so out of Repair that they will not bear them, so that it will be necessary for you to send Carriages, our Canon is lodged at the Head of Severn River. It gives us much Concern that we cannot spare you any Musquets, field Pieces or Cartridge Paper, having only a Number necessary for our use, in Case we should be invaded. We wish to be informed of the Progress and Conduct of the Enemy as frequently as you possibly can.

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[Council to Capt. William Middleton.]

You are immediately to proceed with the Dolphin and Plater as low down the Bay as is consistent with Discretion and your Safety keeping a good Look out. If you discover the Vessels of the Enemy or obtain authentic Intelligence of their Movements up the Bay in Force, you are to return and advise us thereof with the utmost Expe-

dition after having communicated every Information you can collect to Commodore James Buchanan or some of the Captains of the Vessels now about to sail

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Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Col° Fitzhugh ten pounds of Musket powder on Account.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Biggs Two hundred and twenty five pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence of the new Emission to be delivered over to Clarke and Biggs for one hundred and twenty and a half yards swanskin purchased of them by the Governor and Council for the Army & delivered to M^r^ Muir p his rec^t^

That the said Treasurer pay to Hannah May one pound seventeen shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of seventy five pounds due her per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hemsley Esq^r^ five pounds one shilling and three pence three farthings of the same Emission in lieu of Two hundred and two pounds, twelve shillings and six pence due him per Acc^t^ passed by the Aud. General.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Bullen eight blankets and coarse linen for six Matrasses for the Soldiers wounded in the Porpoise.

That Captain Beriah Maybury and M^r^ John Ball be requested to survey the sloop Porpoise belonging to Mess^rs^ Wallace, Davidson and Steward and report to this Board the Damage she sustained in a late action with a British Privateer.

Warrant issued directed to John Bullen Esquire to impress waggons to remove the public Records in pursuance of a Resolution of the Gen^l^ Assem^y^ of 13^th^ Ins^t^

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Shaw, one thousand pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Johnson, two pounds nineteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and eighteen pounds, two shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Alexander Three Pounds fifteen shillings of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and fifty pounds due her per Account passed by the Auditor General

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If as we are informed there are Still Beds or Mattrasses wanted for the use of the wounded, we beg to be informed of the Number that they be immediately ordered, at the same Time we request to know whether other Necessaries are required.

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Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Doctr Murray Linen suffs for two shirts for Captain Revelly and such further number as may be necessary for the wounded men in his Care, and also to John Bullen Esqr Linen for two Beds, three shirts, six yards of flannel and one paper of pins

That the Armour deliver to Lieut Skinner one pair Bullet Moulds and two quires Musket Cartridge paper to be delivered over to Joseph Wilkinson Esquire Lieutenant of Calvert County for the use of the Militia of said County.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Daniel Eakin a Deserter from the British fleet five Days provisions to enable him to proceed on his way to Philadelphia.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jeremiah Townly Chase Esquire one hundred and fifty pounds of the new Emission on Account of his Salary for the year 1780

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Gale Sixty nine pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence three farthings of the same Emission in lieu of two thousand seven hundred and ninety five pounds, twelve shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut John Skinner two shirts on Account.

The following Lrē of Resignation was received from Daniel Carroll Esqr

Annapolis January 17th 1781

The Honble Genl Assembly having done me the honor to elect me a Delegate to Congress, which appointment I intend to accept I hereby resign my seat as a Member of the Honble Council

I am Sir, with every Sentiment " of respect & Esteem yr Excellencys mo. Obedt & very Hble Servt
His Excellcy Thos Sim Lee Esqr Danl Carroll "

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[Council to Joseph Wilkinson, Lieutenant of Calvert County.]

We have sent you by Lieutenant Skinner two Quires of Cartridge Paper and a Pair of bullet moulds, and should have sent the Cartridge Boxes with more Cartridge Paper could we have done it with any Conveniency. Our Teams and what we can impress will be employed in removing the Records. We should be able to spare you about one hundred Cartridge Boxes, for which you must send and at the same Time inform us of the quantity of Cartridge Paper you may want. It is not in our Power to supply you with any Bayonet Scabbards or Belts.

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We have in our Possession a Captain Charles Whitehead, who was p. 36
captured in the Active Privateer by the Sloop Porpus, and have agreed to exchange him for Captain John Harrison a Subject of our State now in confinement in New York. That this Exchange may be effected without Delay, we have sent Capt. Whitehead under Guard to you and request that the Commissary General of Prisoners in New York may be apprised of our Resolution immediately and requested if such Exchange is approved by him that Capt. Harrison p. 37
may be sent with a Flag to the Lines where Capt. Whitehead shall be delivered for him. If this is not the accustomed Mode of bringing about an Exchange of Prisoners we wish the proper one to be pursued by you. We also desire that Paul Busey, Thomas Sellman, Samuel Cowman, John Burns, Martin Shields Benjamin Owens, Henry Owens and Jonathan Waters Subjects of this State taken in the Sloop Lincoln and carried into New York and there confined, may be exchanged for Daniel Hawood, Edward Dyer, James Forster, William Hand, James Locory, John Drishell Andrew Allen taken in the Active and William Fallott belonging to the Suky whom we send under Guard with Captain Whitehead.

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Commission issued to John H. Beanes appointed Major of the Lower Battalion of Militia in Prince Georges Country.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Gaither Two pounds, ten shillings of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred pounds per Account passed by the Audr General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Edward Tillard, Lieutt James Winchester and Lieut Rezin Davis, each nineteen pounds, four shillings and nine pence of the same Emission in lieu of seven hundred and sixty nine pounds, ten shillings due them per Accts passed by the Aud. Genl and also the further Sum of fifty Pounds, each of the same Emission on Account according to a Resolution of the General Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Luckett of Rawlings's late Regimt fifty pounds of the same Emission agreeable to the above mentioned resolution on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Williamson Esqr forty p. 31
three pounds fifteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds to be delivered over to Thomas Jones due him per Account passed by the Aud. General.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Levin Wailes thirteen thousand pounds Continental and one hundred pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to William McBryde Purchasing Commissary of Somerset County on Acct.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Allen M^cLain of L^t Col^o Lee's Legion two hundred pounds of the new Emission for the purpose of defraying the necessary Expences in the Execution of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 2^d December last and to be charged to the Honorable Maj^r General Greene Commanding in the Southern Department.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gray Two hundred pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to Patrick Sim Smith Commissary of Purchases for Calvert County on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col^o Edward Tillard and Lieut. James Winchester each a Suit of Cloaths and four Shirts for the year 1780.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Col^o Tillard Lieut^s James Winchester and Rezin Davis, each, twenty four Gallons of Rum and ninety six pounds of sugar for the year 1780.

This Board having considered General Gists Letter of the 16^th Instant relative to the Settlement of his Account with the State, and the particular Circumstance of his Books and papers having fallen into the Hands of the Enemy, which has rendered it impracticable for him to account in the usual and accustomed Manner, for the Money deposited with him by the State to be expended in the Recruiting service; are of opinion that the Auditor may settle General Gists account on his Oath The General having first Satisfied him by his own Oath or the Testimony of a credible Witness, that his Books and papers did fall into the Enemy's Hands.

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[Council to Robert Armstrong, Esqr.]

The General Assembly have requested us to establish a Chain of Expresses from Point Look out to this City for the Purpose of communicating Intelligence of the operations of and Movements of the Enemy to us with the greatest Speed. Your convenient situation and Readiness to contribute your Assistance for the Defense of the State on all Occasions have induced us to apply to you to employ an Active Diligent and trusty Person to ride Day and Night from Point Look out to Annapolis who is to be ready to set off at any Hour with such Dispatches as you may deliver him. Whenever you are apprised of any Movement of the Enemy up the Bay or their Intention to operate against this State of which the common Safety of the Inhabitants require we should be informed. We entreat you will communicate it by such expresses without any Delay; whatsoever you agree to pay the Express for his Trouble and all other expences which may arise in conducting shall be faithfully and punctually discharged.

Ibid. p. 38

[Council to Colonel Hooe.]

The General Assembly have thought proper under our present Circumstances, to have a Chain of Expresses established from hence

to the Neighbourhood of that Part of Virginia where the British Army are, for the Purpose of obtaining the earliest Information of every material Occurrence, and especially of their future Designs. we shall meet with great Difficulties in complying with the Desire of the Legislature unless you are pleased to give us your Assistance. We are so sensible of the friendly Offices you have rendered this State in a Variety of Instances that nothing but absolute Necessity could induce us to call upon you in this Occasion. We wish you to establish Riders at convenient Places between Alexandria and Richmond or near to the Place the Enemy may be and to request a Gentleman you can depend on there to furnish you with the freshest Intelligence of the Operations and Movements of the Enemy. Every Expence we will defray with the greatest chearfulness and Gratitude. We have agreed with M^{r} Longdon to ride from Alexandria to this State. January 18 Liber No. 78 p. 38

[Council to William McBride, Esqr.] Ibid.

We received your Letter of the 15th Instant by M^{r} Vails and cant help expressing our Concern at the Unwillingness of the People to take the new Money, however you may depend on it this Humour must soon cease and the continental Money will not long have the Preferrence as the Circulation of it within this State is prohibited after a particular short Day. We have sent you thirteen hundred continental Dollars and one hundred Pounds of the new Emission and expect to have it in our Power to furnish you with a further sum when the Assembly rises. You must not on any Account remit your Exertions to procure what Porks and Beef can possibly be had in your County; whatever can be affected by us shall be done to enable you to comply with your Engagements, inform us by every opportunity of your Success and Expectations and the Impediments you may meet with.

[Council to Patrick Sim Smith, Esqr.] Ibid. p. 39

You will receive by M^{r}. Gray two hundred Pounds of the new Emission, that you may proceed in your Purposes. We wrote some Days ago relative to the Beef you have on hand, wherein we requested you to send what Number you had to Frederick to M^{r} Murdock, for the support of the Convention Troops which we now repeat and request you to send with all possible Dispatch. The limitation with respect to wheat, from what you mention, we think need not be obligatory at this Time, but at the same Time hope you will use your utmost Endeavours to purchase on the best Terms you can, as it is not in our Power to know the Market Price, for those Articles. The Salt shall be sent you, when Col. Wilkinson sends for the Army Accoutrements &^{ca} or there should be a Conveniency.

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Joshua Sedwick appointed Inspector for St Leonards Creek Warehouse in Calvert County in the room of John Manning who refused to Act.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway Thirty seven pounds ten shillings of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Brooke Hodgkin fifteen Pounds of the same Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Rezin Davis of the late Rawlings's Regimt fifteen pounds, three shillings and four pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of six hundred and six pounds, fifteen shilings due him for Trimgs and making a suit of Regimental Cloaths for the year 1780.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Thomas Luckett of the same Regiment Eleven pounds, fifteen shillings and ten pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of four hundred and seventy one pounds fifteen shillings due him for Trimmings and making &ca for the year 1780.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lt James Winchester of 2d Regt ten pounds fifteen shillings of the same Emission in lieu of four hundred and thirty one Pounds five shillings due him for Trimmings and making &ca for the year 1780.

p. 32 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esquire nine thousand Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Middleton one thousand Pounds on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to James Main a Deserter from the British Army on his way to Philadelphia five days rations, & also to Capt Robert Berry seven days provisions for five hands. That Mr John Shaw receive of Mrs Ann Selby Widow of the late Joseph Selby all the Cartridge Boxes which had been finished by Selby and Howard according to their Contract with the State.

Commissions issued to Thomas Harris appointed Lieut Colo Jonathan Yates Major. Edward Semms first Lieut. Francis J. Gardner second Lieut. Edwd Boarman Ensign of Captain Henry Boarman Company. John Lancaster Capt. in the room of Jonathan Yates, John Neale first Lieut John Vincent second Lieut Joseph Shaw. Thomas A. Dyson Capt. in the room of Henry Clarkson, Barton Thorn first Lieut. George Dyson second Lieut. Jonathan Burch Ensign. John Gardner Captain in the room of John Thomas Henry Lyon first Lieut. Richard Estep second Lieut. William Barker Ensign belonging to the twelfth Battalion of Militia in Charles County. and also to Samuel Luckett appd Captain in the room of Francis Mastin in the Twenty sixth Battalion of Mila in the same County.

Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Frederick Folger Commander of the Schooner Antilope one hundred and thirty Tons burthen navigated by thirty nine men, mounting twelve Carriage Guns and two Swivels and also to Thomas Cole Commander of the Schooner Felicity, one hundred and six Tons burthen, navigated by Twenty one men, mounting Ten carriage Guns and four swivels belonging to John Sterett and Comapny of Baltimore. January 19 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 32

Whereas the General Assembly by their Resolution of this Day have authorized and requested us to Issue our Warrants to the Lieutenant of Kent County to arrest George Mann of the said County. the Lieutenants of Cecil and Harford Counties to arrest John Stump and also to the Lieutenant of Queen Anns County to arrest George Jackson and to seize all their Books and papers for that it is represented they are disaffected and Dangerous persons and that there is good reason to believe they have purchased up considerable quantities of Grain for the use of the Enemy and that their going at large is Dangerous to the State. The Lieutenants aforesaid are therefore hereby empowered and required to arrest the said George Man, John Stump and George Jackson immediately and to take into their Possession all the Books and papers belonging to them and to send them with their Books and papers, seized by the said Lieutenants under proper and sufficient Guards to us and for apprehending taking and securing the said George Man John Stump and George Jackson, their Books and papers we do hereby in Pursuance of the said Resolution empower the Lieut[s] aforesaid to take such part of the Militia of their Counties as they may think proper and if they should be resisted in the Execution of this Warrant, they are p. 33 to seize and send the persons making such Resistance to us to be dealt with agreeable to the above Resolution and for so doing this shall be their justification.

Given in Council this nineteenth day of January 1781.

[Council to Daniel Jenifer, Esqr.] January 19 Liber No. 78

It is not in our Power to send you any Salt [in] the Teams as the p. 39 Neighbourhood of this Place are imployed in removing the Public Records. We therefore shall be obliged to you to hire Teams to carry down what Salt you may want. We have no other than country Salt, you will order the wheat to George Town to be delivered to M[r] Thomas Richardson. By M[r] Harrison you will receive £200 of the new Emission which is the only Money we have in the Treasury.

[Council to Colonel Ware.] Ibid.

We are to supply you with 200£l. Powder and 50 Muskets and Accoutrements, but it will be necessary for you to send for them, as it will not be in our Power to send them to you.

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We think it would be proper and necessary to have the Arms &ca you have put in the best Order you can, to enable us to oppose with some Degree of Efficacy any Attempt that may be made on this State. Commissions for the Vacancies in your County you have enclosed

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[Council to Capt. Robert Berry.]

You will proceed immediately down the Bay as far as you can with Security, and should you see or receive any Intelligence which you can depend on of the Enemy making up the Bay you are to return to this Place with all Expedition and give Information thereof to us.

[Council Circular to Richard Dallam, Jn° Thompson, William Hemsley and William Boardly.]

The enclosed warrant is founded on a Resolution of the General Assembly passed this Day and it is absolutely necessary it should be executed immediately for if it should be delayed a Moment the Party may obtain Notice of your Intention and make his Escape or conceals his Books and Papers.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Francis Fenwick forty pounds fourteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand six hundred and twenty eight pounds and five pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l].

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot sixteen pounds seventeen shillings and three pence of the same Emission in lieu of six hundred and seventy four pounds and ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Eleven pounds seventeen shillings and four pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of four hundred and seventy four pounds, fifteen shillings due him p Acct. passed by the A. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Thomas Price of the third Regiment seven pounds, twelve shillings and five pence of the same Emission in lieu of three hundred and four pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence due him for Stores per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ensign Roger Nelson of the sixth Regiment Eleven pounds four shillings and five pence farthing of the same Emission in lieu of four hundred and forty eight pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the And. Gen[l].

That the E. S. Treasurer pay to Isaac Perkins two hundred and seventy six pounds, seven shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of Eleven thousand and fifty five pounds and five pence due him p acc[t] passed by the A G[l]

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Thomas Price sixteen Gallons of Rum and twenty nine pounds of sugar due him for the year 1780 and also to Ensign Roger Nelson fourteen Gallons of Rum and fifty six pounds of sugar Balance of stores due him from the first June to the first instant January 20 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 33

That the Commissary of stores deliver to Lieut Thomas Price Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths except three yards of Shalloon and Linen for two shirts in full for the year 1781, and also to Ensign Roger Nelson Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts for the year 1780.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued Robert Caulfield Commander of the Brig Duke of Lemster, one hundred and thirty Tons Burthen navigated with forty five men, mounting sixteen Carriage Guns and four swivels belonging to William Neill & Comp^{y} of Baltimore.

[Council to Capt. Allan McLean of Lee's Legion.] January 20 Liber No. 78

When the Treasury of Maryland will admit of it, you may rely on our depositing such Sum of Money in the Hands of one of the Delegates of our State in Congress, as you may engage to pay in Philadelphia in Virtue and by Authority of the Resolution of the Honorable General Assembly of the second of December last without putting the Holders of Certificates to the Trouble and Expence of sending hither for their Money. We hope this Assurance will have the Effect you expect, of obviating every Difficulty which has occurred in carrying the said Resolution into Execution, as we esteem it a Measure very necessary. p. 40

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donellan.] Ibid.

General Gist has applied to this Board to have Rations of Mutton sometimes issued to him, he says he frequently drew it in Camp. We therefore shall be obliged to you to issue Mutton on his Order.

[Council to President of the Board of War.] Ibid.

We are requested by the General Assembly to represent to the Board over which you have the Honor to preside that Tho^{s} Hussey Luckett first Lieutenant in the first Company, James Lingan second Lieutenant in the ninth Company, Rezin Davis third Lieutenant in the second Company and Elijah Evans third Lieutenant in the first Company of Colonel Rawlings Regiment were made Prisoners of War at Fort Washington in November 1776, and that during their Captivity they were neglected in the general Arrangement of the Officers of the Maryland Line which hath since taken place and have also lost their Advancement in said Regiment in Consequence of which officers of inferiour Rank to them in the Line and in that p. 41

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Regiment have been preferred and now hold Commissions superiour to theirs and to request that your Honorable Board would take such order therein that said Officers may be preferred to such Commissions as their preceding Rank will entitle them to and that no further Promotions in the Maryland Line he made without previously consulting the State. M[r] Roger Nelson who was wounded in the Action of the 16[th] August last and made Prisoner served as a Volunteer during the last Campaign under Colonel Williams in Consequence of his Promise to recommend him to the Executive of Maryland for an Ensigns Commission. Colonel Williams has since wrote to us and says he is a Gentleman of Education and Merit and requests he may be appointed an Ensign in the sixth Regiment. After the new Arrangement is made there will be several Vacancies in the Maryland Line for Ensigns, we therefore desire as no Inconvenience occurs to us which can possibly result from such Appointment that M[r] Nelson may be considered an Ensign from the first Day of June last and a Commission issue accordingly. We request the favor of you to forward the Commissions requested by our Letter of the 29[th] May last.

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Monday 22[d] January 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to David Evans one hundred and ninety four pounds two shillings and six pence of the new Emission to be delivered over to George P. Keeports on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn four hundred and ninety five pounds due him per Account passed by the Dep[y] Auditor.

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[Council to Capt. Gilbert Middleton.]

You will apply to Colonel Forrest for and take into your Char[g]e George Clarke of St. Mary's County mentioned in the enclosed Commitment and him safely conduct and deliver to the Sheriff of Baltimore County with the Commitment

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Tuesday 23[d] January 1781

Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Martin Norris one hundred Cartridge Boxes and one rheam of Musket Cartridge paper to be delivered to Joseph Wilkinson Esquire Lieut[t] of Calvert County for the use of the Militia of the said County.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Martin Norris ten bushels of Salt to be delivered over to Pat Sim Simth Esq[r] Purchasing Commissary of Calvert County to be applied to procuring Provision purch[d] by him and also to Capt. Thomas Mason of the 7[th] Regim[t] fifteen and a half Gall[s] of Rum and thirty two pounds of sugar due him for the year 1780.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Hunt of the first Regim^{t} one shirt and also to Capt. Thomas Mason Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts in part of the Act^{s} for the year 1781. January 23 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 34

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Martin Norris twelve pounds ten shillings of the new Emission to be delivered over to Col^{o} Joseph Wilkinson on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Thomas Mason, Eight pounds, eight shillings and four pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of three hundred and thirty six pounds fifteen shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud. and also the further sum of Thirty pounds of the same Emission agreeably to a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 30th of Dec^{r} last on Acc^{t}

Permission is hereby given to Henry Sheaff of the State to solicit Leave from His Excellency General Washington or the Commanding Officer at the out Posts of the American Army at Elizabeth Town, to go into the City of New York for the purpose of obtaining a Passage from thence to Holland, with Liberty to take with him a Negro Girl.

The following Agreement was entered into between the Governor and Council and Henry Sheaff.

I Henry Sheaff of Baltimore Town do hereby agree and engage to furnish in New York for the use and Benefit of the Officers of the State of Maryland, who now are or may hereafter be in Captivity to the order of the Governor and Council of the said State of Maryland a sum of Gold and Silver, which with what has been already advanced by him will amount to one thousand pounds. In consideration whereof the Governor and Council on behalf of the said State of Maryland do engage to deliver to the said Henry Sheaff or his order within twelve months from the date hereof within the said State such a Quantity of Crop Tobacco as at the Current or Market price in Gold and silver when delivered will be adequate to the Sum of Money with Interest, so advanced and to be advanced by the said Henry Sheaff to the order of the Governor and Council of the said State of Maryland.

And it is further Agreed between the said Henry Sheaff and the Governor and Council aforesaid as follows, that the said Henry Sheaff will advance such further sums of Money in New York as may be convenient to him to the order of the Governor and Council for the use aforesaid and that the Governor and Council for such further Advances will deliver Tobacco to the said Henry Sheaff's order in Manner and upon the Terms above specified

Test T. Johnson J^{r}.

Thos. S. Lee
H. Sheaff

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[Council to Colonel Wilkinson.]

Yours of the 20th Instant was handed to us by Mr Martin Norris and have sent by him one hundred Cartridge Boxes and one Ream of Musquet Cartridge Paper. We have drawn an Order on the Treasurer in your Favor for 12. 10. 0 of the new Emission to enable him to defray the Expences incurred in executing the Business he was entrusted by you to manage, he will account with you for it

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. Patrick Sim Smith.]

Martin Norris will deliver you ten Bushels of Country Salt.

Ibid.

[Council to Col. Hollingsworth.]

Your letter of the 18th Instant we received and have wrote Mr Matthews informing him that if he could satisfy you that the Flour seized was actually purchased for the Bank and for the use of the Army; we were of opinion it ought to be restored to the Agent of the Bank, otherwise it should be disposed of according to the Directions of the late Act which you are appointed to execute. The Bank had no Permission to purchase nor was it necessary because there was no Law subsisting (at the Time of the Application of the Agent of the Bank) to restrain the exportation of Flour out of the State by Land. If Mr Matthews can make it appear to your Satisfaction that the Flour was really and without any Collusion by him and Mr Smith as Agents for the Bank according to their Directions and that it is to be applied to the use of the Army and to any private Purpose. We think you should restore it to Mr Matthews otherwise the Direction above ought to be

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Cowman Junr three thousand pounds to be delivered over to Hopkins, Wilson and Moore Balance due them on Account of Tobacco purchased of this State.

That the said Treasurer pay to William McKey seven hundred and nine pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of twenty eight thousand, three hundred and eighty nine pounds ten shillings due him per account passed by the Audr General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Giles eleven hundred and fifty pounds, fourteen shillings and nine pence of the same Emission in lieu of forty six thousand and thirty seven pounds ten shillings to be delivered over to Samuel Gilpin due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colo Uriah Forrest Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths for the year 1780 and Cloath for a Coat and Trimgs for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts in part of the Articles for the year 1781

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Ordered That the western short Treasurer pay to Lieut Philip Hill of the 2nd Regiment nineteen pounds, four shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of seven hundred and sixty nine pounds, ten shillings due him for Stores per Account passed by the Depy Audr and also the further sum of fifty pounds of the same Emission agreeable to a Resolution of the Genl Assembly of the prest Session on Acct.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Maccubbin Lingan of the late Rawlings's Regimt Twenty pounds of the same Emission Balance due him of the Fifty pounds agreeable to a Resolution of the present Session of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Luther Martin Esquire two thousand nine hundred and seventy seven pounds ten shillings due him for the like sum borrowed of him by the State in May 1780,

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Moore twenty eight pounds eighteen shillings and eight pence of the new Emission in lieu of eleven hundred and fifty seven pounds, eight shillings and three pence due him per Accte passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Smith forty pounds eight shillings and one penny of the same Emission in lieu of one thousand six hundred and sixteen pounds, five shillings due him per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Doctr Sullivan six hundred and fifty five pounds twelve shillings and nine pence of the same Emission in lieu of twenty six thousand two hundred and twenty five pounds eleven shillings and three pence for the use of Levin Kirkman and also eleven pounds thirteen shilings and nine pence for the use of Nathan Bradley due them per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the western shore Treasurer pay to David Poe Continental Quartermaster for the District of Baltimore Town forty hhds of Tobacco amounting to seven thousand one hundred and three pounds for the use of that Department on Account and to be charged to the United States.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Philip Hill twenty four gallons of Rum & ninety six pounds of sugar due him for 1780 p. 36

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Philip Hill one suit of Cloaths and four shirts for the year 1780. Captn William Brown Capt. Lieut James Smith and Lieut John Casson of the Maryland Artillery each, four shirts for the year 1780 and also to James Craik Physician Genl. in the Hospital Department a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four Shirts for the yr 1780.

Agreeable to the Constitution and Form of Government the Council proceeded to the choice of a Councillor in the room of Daniel

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Carroll Esquire who resigned his seat by Letter on the 17th Instant when Stephen West, Samuel Hanson, Edward Coursey James McHenry and John Brice were put in nomination and the Ballots being taken Stephen West. Edward Coursey James McHenry and John Brice had an equal number, the Council then proceeded to Ballot a second time confining their Ballots to the said four Gentlemen having an equal number of votes and the ballots being again equal for the said four Gentlemen the Council proceeded to determine the Election by Lot, which fell upon Stephen West Esquire who is declared duly elected.

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[Council to Colonel Adams.]

The General Assembly having directed this Board to remove the heavy Canon from this City to a place of greater Security we have for that Purpose employed a Sloop to transport them to the Indian landing, and cannot procure a sufficient Force to put on Board and as we understand there are a Number of Soldiers more than sufficient for the Guard, we shall be obliged to you to order as many of them as may be necessary to assist in putting them on Board and we will make them a reasonable Compensation.

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. William Matthews.]

Your letter of the 23d Instant came to Hand and we have been informed by Colonel Hollingsworth one of the Gentlemen appointed to carry the late Act into Execution, of his having Stopped the Quantity of Flour you mention. It is not the Intention of the Law that Flour purchased for the Bank and going to the Army should be seized but the Design of the Law is to prevent Flour being exported out of the State for any sinister or private Purpose; In thus expressing our opinion we do not mean to cast any Imputation on the Agents of the Bank. We have given Directions to Colonel Hollingsworth to enquire whether the Flour taken was bought for the Bank and for the use of the Army, and if he should be satisfied that it was to restore it to you otherwise it will be disposed of in the Manner prescribed by the Law.

Ibid.

[Council to Thos. Richardson, Esqr.]

We received yours by Capt Lingan and are really sorry it is not in our Power to supply you with any Money there not being a Farthing of either Continental or State Money in the Treasury, so soon as any comes in and an Opportunity offers you may depend upon receiving the sum you wrote for.

Ibid. p. 44

[Council to General Gist.]

Your Favor of the 24th Instant was handed to us by Mr Poe. It gives us great Concern that we cannot comply with your Request.

We have just applied to the Treasurer and am informed that there is not a Dollar of any kind of Money in it, subject to our Order, there are incessant Demands on us from every Quarter, for considerable Sums, and we have little indeed or no Prospect of answering them, and unless some efficacious Measure is adopted by the Assembly to procure an immediate Supply, it will be impossible for us to extricate ourselves from the embarrassing and distressing Difficulties in which we are involved. We have furnished M^r^. Poe with forty Hogsheads of Tobacco, which he is directed to dispose of for the best Price as speedily as possible. January 25 Liber No. 78 p. 44

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esquire six pounds fifteen shillings of the new Emission in lieu of two hundred and seventy Pounds due him per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the Armourer deliver to Richard Verdin two hundred pounds of powder and fifty Muskets to be delivered over to Francis Ware Esquire Lieut^t^ of Charles County for the use of the Militia of said County.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Richard Verdin one Beeves hide to cover powder and Arms sent to Col^o^ Ware

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Philip Stichbury thirty three pounds one shilling and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand three hundred and fifty pounds due him per Acc^t^ passed by the Aud. G^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Alice Redman, one pound seventeen shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of seventy five pounds due her per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward and son Stephen three hundred pounds of the same Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro twelve pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission on Account.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to James Hindman fifty seven pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission in lieu of two thousand three hundred pounds for a Horse purchased of Alexander Anderson for the use of the State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Milburn four thousand pounds to be delivered over to Col^o^ Samuel Smith on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Gilbert Middleton, one thousand pounds to be expended in the purchase of sundry Articles for the Dolphin and plater to be accounted for.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Mills one hundred Pounds and twenty nine hhds of Tobacco at St. Mary's Warehouse in 1780 to be delivered over to Joseph Ford Commissary of St. Mary's County on Acct

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Nathaniel Shepard five Galls Rum and five Days rations for ten hands.

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[Council to Mr. Joseph Ford.]

You will have enclosed the Notes of twenty Nine Hogsheads of Tobacco, of the Year eighty, weight 27.626 Net Proceeds, which we hope will be adequate to your Demands. You may continue to purchase Corn, at least as far as the Amount of the Tobacco will extend. We have furnished the Bearer, with one hundred Pounds Continental Currency to defray his Expences with which you are charged.

Ibid.

[Council to Colonel John Thompson.]

In the Hurry of Business the warrant which was intended for the Lieutenant of Harford County, was enclosed to you, we now enclose a warrant to apprehend George Jackson of your County, which you will have immediately executed.

Ibid.

[Council to Colonel Samuel Smith.]

We have received yours of the 25th and at your Request have sent £4000 by the Bearer, the utmost sum which could be drawn from
p. 45 the Treasury. We have to thank you for your Attention to the Preservation of the public Flour, and have no Doubt but the Money herewith sent will be expended in the most advantageous Manner. The Fate of the Vessels and Flour we deplore as well on Account of the Public as Individuals. The State Boats having sustained considerable Damage on their intended Voyage down the Bay are from Necessity carried to Baltimore for immediate Repair, every Vessel we could lay our Hands on are engaged to go down instantly to your Assistance, and we shall direct them to take your Directions in securing the Vessels and Cargoes. You will be pleased to satisfy the Messenger out of the Money he carries.

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Sunday 28th January 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Major John Steward four thousand and sixty six and two thirds of a Dollar to be delivered over to Stephen Steward junr on Account of the late Expedition of the Porpoise Sloop and to be by him Accounted for.

This Board having fully examined John Stump Junr or son of John and his Books and papers seized by the Lieutenant of Harford County pursuant to their Warrant and considered the same, are of

Opinions that the said John Stump's going at large is dangerous to the State and do therefore order that the said John Stump be confined to Harford County and do not depart therefrom without the Licence of the Governor and Council for the time being first obtained and that the said John Stump give Bond to the State with one good and sufficient Security in the penalty of two thousand pounds current Money not to depart the said County without Leave as aforesaid and in the mean time to be of good Behaviour towards the State.

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[Council to Richard Dallam, Esqr.]

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It is not in our Power to send you any Money, there not being a Farthing in the Treasury of any Sort nor can we with Certainty say when it will be in our Power, however you may depend upon having it whenever our Treasury will afford it.

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Ordered that Capt. Philemon Warfield deliver to Johnson Smith, six barrels of Cannon powder to be delivered to Robert T. Hooe Esquire to be by him returned.

That the Armourer deliver to the said Johnson Smith two nine pound Cannon and four quire Cannon Cartridge paper, to be delivered to Robt T. Hooe & returned and also to Capt Robert Berry one 6th Cannon fifty Muskets, one hundred Cannon Cartridges, one hundred six pound shott thirty pound Musket powder to be delivered over to Colo Barnes Lieut of St. Mary's County for the use of the Militia of said County and sixty Musket Cartridges for the present Cruise as a look out Boat to be returned if not used.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt John Courts Jones of the 7th Regimt Lieut William T. Stoddert of the 5th and General Smallwood each, a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts for the year 1781. and also to Major John Steward a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts for the year 1781. and Aquila Deaver, Jesse Grace, Paul Richards and Thomas Bailey of the 3d Lawrence Hurdle, William Lynch of the 7th and William Roberts, Benjamin Gray and John Milstead of the 1st Regiment, each, a suit of Cloaths, one hat and one Blanket.

The western shore Treasurer pay to John King thirty six pounds, twelve shillings and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand four hundred and sixty five pounds due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen three hundred and ninety pounds of the same Emission on Acct

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt Robt Berry seven Days provisions for five men to Act as look out.

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[Council to Major Taylor.]

You will receive from Captain Berry one six Pound Cannon with Carriage, fifty Musquets and Accoutrements, one hundred Cannon Cartridges, one hundred round six Pound Shot and thirty Pound Musquet Powder, for the use of the Militia of St. Mary's County, they are to be delivered to Richard Barnes Esq^{r} or in his Absence to the commanding Officer of the County to be applied in such Manner as he may direct and think most necessary for the Protection of the Inhabitants.

Ibid.

[Council to the Hon'ble General Assembly.]

By the present Arrangement of the Army, the artillery Companies of this State are attached to the Virginia Regiment of Artillery, that Regiment having a compleate Corps of officers for ten Companies,
p. 46 there is a Probability of the Privates of the Maryland Companies incorporated with and turned over to the Regiment and the officer left without Command of this Capt Brown and others entertain in our opinion well grounded Apprehensions unless the Honble General Assembly take order therein, we wish to remove every just Cause of Complaint of Gentleman who have rendered essential Services in our Army and therefore beg leave to refer their Case to the Consideration of the honorable General Assembly.

Ibid.

[Council to General Assembly.]

By the Examination of John Stump Junior or son of John, it appears that a Partnership for purchasing Wheat commenced between John Stump the third or son of Henry, Colonel Henry Hollingsworth and himself on the 24th August 1780, and continued till some Time in January Instant. That all the wheat purchased on Account of the Company except 1000 Bushels, sold to Gilpin and Coale and delivered in December and January and five or six hundred Bushels now on Hand and stored, in the dwelling House of Nathaniel Giles lately deceased under the Care of Benjamin Fleetwood, was manufactured by Colonel Hollingsworth and sold by him in Philadelphia and Wilmington on the Partnership Account. That Colonel Hollingsworth sold one hundred and ten Barrels of Flour to Tench Francis one of the Philadelphia Bank and one hundred to Jonathan Rumford in Wilmington. That they did not pay for the Wheat purchased by them more than £25..0..0.. a Bushel until Gilpin and Coale interfered in their Purchases (which was after 13th December last) and raised the Price to one hundred Dollars. That Gilpin and Coale sold their wheat to Daniel Burns a Miller who lives near Cristeen. That Colonel Hollingsworth entered into Partnership with Gilpin and Coale about the Middle of December last to purchase Wheat, and that they raised the Price to 100 Dollars, that Col. Hollingsworth sent his vessel for the wheat purchased on Account of

Gilpin Coale and himself. That John Stump the third divides his between his Father who lives in Harford, and John Stump Junr That the said John Stump Junior and Company on the 13th December received 37.500 Pounds of Jonathan Rumford for which they were to deliver him at Cristeen Bridge two hundred and forty Barrels of Flour one hundred of which has been delivered at the Head of Elk, and seized under the late Law, the remaining 140 and in the Possession of Wilson Hopkins Esqr and Company and David Poe and Company, Boreley and Cornthwait and John Hammond Cromwell in Baltimore Town. That Coll. Hollingsworth when he returned Home from Annapolis, which was after the late Act passed for seizing wheat Flour &ca declared he would not continue in Parnership with the Stumps any longer, that it appears by a letter from John Hammond Cromwell to the said John Stump Junr dated the 15th January 1781. There is a Connexion in Trade between Cromwell and Stump which we beg leave to transmit herewith. By Information from the said John Stump, the said John Hammond Cromwell was in Virginia and taken or pretended to be taken by the British Army under the Command of General Leslie.

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[Council to Capt. Robert Berry.] Ibid.

You are to proceed immediately with the Arms and Ammunition for which you have an Order on Mr Shaw to St Mary's River if it can be done with any Degree of Safety if not to a Place the most convenient to that River and deliver them with the Letter enclosed into the Hands of an Officer not under the Rank of a Captain and at the same Time request him to give immediate Information to the Lieutenant of St Mary's County or the Officer next in Command of such Deposit. If you should have any Information of the Enemies coming up or you should discover them yourself, you must with all the Expedition possible return to this Place and give Information immediately to the Governor and Council.

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Commissions issued to John Stull, Joseph Sprigg, Henry Schnebely, Joseph Chapline, John Barnes, Richard Davis, Andrew Bruce, Andrew Rench, William Yeates, Lemuel Barret, Christopher Cruise, John Celler, Charles Prather and Henry Shryock appointed Justices of the Peace for Washington County Court and also to John Stull, Henry Schnebely, John Barnes, Joseph Chapline and John Celler appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for the same County.

Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. John Courts Jones of the 7th Regimt twenty Gallons of Rum and sixty eight pounds of Sugar. Genl Smallwood twelve Gallons of Rum and sixty seven pounds of sugar and also to Lieut William Trueman Stoddert

January 30 of the 5th Regimt twenty Gallons of Rum and eighty pounds of Sugar
Liber C. B. the deficiency of Stores due them for the year 1780.
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p. 38 That the W. S. Treasurer pay to Henry Yost one hundred pounds of the new Emission for repairing Muskets on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Isaac Jones of the first Regiment one Blanket.

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p. 47 Your letter respecting the Commissions we have received, and made them out agreeable to your request, which you will receive herewith enclosed. The Commission for John Ryger we cant fill up
p. 48 till we are informed, by what Means the Vacancy happened. As soon as you will favour us with this Information we will readily comply with your request relative to that Gentleman.

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p. 38 Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain John Steward fifty pounds of the new Emission in lieu of two thousand pounds and also the further sum of four hundred and ninety eight pounds, fifteen shillings and four pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of nineteen thousand nine hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings due him per Accounts passed by the Audr Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Denwood twenty one pounds seven shillings and eleven pence of the same Emission in lieu of eight hundred and fifty five pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence, and also the further sum of thirty five pounds three shillings and eight pence in lieu of one thousand four hundred and seven pounds, seven shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro Twenty five pounds of the same Emission and two hundred pounds Continental on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Richardson Eleven thousand eight hundred and thirty pounds, Balance due for Salt purchased of him in November last by this Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Richard Dorsey who was taken at the Battle of Camden in Augt last fifty pounds of the new Emission allowed by a Resolution of the Genl Assembly passed this prest Session.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Roberts of the 1st Regimt one pair of Shoes. Ens. Basil Clements of the Regt Extra one suit of Cloaths & Linen for two Shirts. Capt. Richard Dorsey of the Maryl Artillery one suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts in part of the Articles for the prest Year and also to Lieut Nichs Ricketts of the Artillry a suit of Cloaths & Linen for two shirts.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to General Smallwood half a Bushel Salt for the use of his family. January 31 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 39

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut. Nicholas Ricketts of Capt Dorseys Company of Artillery thirty Pounds of the new Emission agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 30th Decembr last.

[Council to Thomas Richardson, Esqr.] January 31 Liber No. 78 p. 48

Daniel Carrol Esqr has informed this Board that there is a Quantity of public Salt in the Hands of Mr Henry Rozier, and as we have the Liberty from the Commissary General of Purchases of making use of the Public Salt in this State, We request you to inform yourself of the Quantity and to send forward what you may want, as it will be more convenient to have it from hence than from, [ ] should there be more than you may want, you will immediately let us know that we may order it into the Hands of Mr John Brookes of Prince Georges County who has applied for Salt

[Council to Capt Keeports.] Ibid.

We shall be obliged to you to purchase immediately and send by the first opportunity to Mr Muir sixty yards 6/4 of red Cloth for facing Soldiers Coats thirty Pounds of Pewter for Buttons, and ten pounds of whited brown Thread, these Articles of Cloth and Buttons are very much wanted as we have a Quantity of soldiers Cloathing that cannot be finished without them.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Chever ten pounds seven shillings and one penny half penny of the new Emission in lieu of four hundred and fourteen pounds five shillings due him p Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas five pounds ten shillings and seven pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of Two hundred and twenty one pounds, five shillings due him per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Isaac Rawlings of the Artillery one pound five shilings and six pence of the same Emission, in lieu of Fifty one pounds due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Jones aid to Genl Smallwood of the 7th Regiment Thirty pounds of the same Emission agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esquire three thousand pounds in full for the Ballance of his last years Salary as a Councillor

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That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esq[r] three thousand pounds in full for his allowance the last year.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col[o] Uriah Forrest, nine thousand, nine hundred and fifty eight pounds, six shillings and eight pence and also three hundred and eight pounds, nine shillings of the new Emission Acc[t]

That the Armourer receive of Lieut Lucket three Chests of Arms and one Keg of Flints.

That the said Armourer receive of Capt. Philemon Warfield four Barrels of Cannon powder and four kegs of Musket Ditto.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Isaac Rawlings sixteen Gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of sugar due him to the 1[st] Jan[ry] last.

That the Public Records be immediately packed up with care and removed by land to Elkridge landing, there kept safe by M[r] Thomas Hodgkin and this Board hereby engage to make the said M[r] Hodgkin a reasonable satisfaction for his care of the Records and for the extraordinary expence he must necessarily incur in removing his Family to the place of Deposit.

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Friday 2[d] February 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain William Brown Capt. Lieut. James Smith and Lieut John Casson [Carson?] of the Artillery nine Pounds, fourteen shillings and five pence, each, of the new Emission in lieu of three hundred and eighty eight pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence due them per Accounts passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Dorsey Captain fourteen pounds, six shillings and three pence of the same Emission in lieu of Five hundred and seventy two pounds, twelve shillings and six pence due him per Acc[t] passed by the D. Aud.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Collins three thousand five hundred and five pounds ten shillings for two Boats for the Dolphin and Plater State Boats bought of him by this Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to James OHara a Blind soldier seventy five pounds allowed him by this Board in Virtue of a Resolution of the Gen[l] Assembly of the 7[th] of August 1779 up to this Day.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col[o] Forrest Ten pounds of the new Emission to be delivered over to John McKay a soldier in the 5[th] Regim[t] to enable him to get his Leg cured.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. William Brown and Lieut John Carson, each, fourteen gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of sugar and to Capt Lieut James Smith thirteen and a half

Gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of sugar and also to Capt. Richard Dorsey eighteen Gallons of Rum and sixty one pounds of Sugar deficiency of Stores due them for 1780 February 2 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 40

That Col° Jenifer receive ten Bushels of the Public Salt in the Hands of Henry Rozier Esquire which this Board have the appropriation of

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to James OHara one vest, one pair of Breeches, one pair of Stockings, one pair of shoes & one Shirt.

That the Armourer deliver to Capt. William Middleton one six pound Cannon, wheels and Carriage, one hundred stand of Arms, one thousand flints one Barrel of Cannon and one Keg of musket powder, one hundred 6$^{\text{tt}}$ round shot and twenty four rounds 6$^{\text{tt}}$ Grape shot to be delivered over to the Lieut. of Dorchester County and one hundred Cartridge Boxes and one thousand flints to be delivered over to the Lieut$^{\text{t}}$ of Worcester County for the use of the Militia of the said Counties.

Pardon granted to John Parsons of Washington County convicted at Washington County August Court 1780, for Horse stealing, on Condition that he forthwith join the Regiment to which he belongs and do not desert there from during the present war, and further that he do not return to the said County of Washington during the term aforesaid.

George Jackson of Kent County appeared before this Board in pursuance of a Warrant directed to the Lieut$^{\text{t}}$ of Kent County to apprehend him, and upon the examination of himself and his papers there does not appear any good Grounds to believe that he is a disaffected and dangerous person and that his going at large will be dangerous to this State, nor that he has purchased any Grain with intent to be carried to the Enemy.

Ordered therefore that he be discharged

George Vansant Mann being apprehended by the Lieutenant of Kent County, and this Day brought before this Board in Virtue of a Warrant issued the nineteenth of January ultimo. is adjudged a disaffected and dangerous person & there being good reason to believe his going at large is dangerous to the State. Ordered therefore that the said George V. Mann be committed to the public prison of Baltimore County in virtue & under Authority of the Resolution of the Gen$^{\text{l}}$ Assembly of the 19$^{\text{th}}$ January aforesaid and there to remain until this Board take further Order therein.

[Council to Board of War.] February 2 Liber No. 78 p. 48

We are requested by the General Assembly to inform you that this State is desirous to keep up four Companies of Artillery to serve

February 2 Liber No. 78 p. 48 in the Continental Army as part of the Quota of Troops of this State to be commanded by a Major and to request that you will fill up Commissions according to the Officers belonging to said Companies, who are to take Rank agreeable to the Date of their Commissions and that you will fill up Commissions to such officers who may be recommended by this Board to supply the Vacancies. We wish to have your Answer as speedily as possible.

Ibid. p. 49 [Council to Treasurers of the Western and Eastern Shores.]

By a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 1st Instant the Bonds of several Collectors are to be put in Suit unless the Monies due from them are paid by the 20th Instant. We therefore request you to transmit to this Board an Account of the Balances which may remain due from the several Collectors of your shore after the 20th Instant that the above Resolution may be carried into Effect.

Ibid. [Council to Mr. Henry Dickeson.]

We request you to deliver to Colonel Forrest or order three hundred Hogsheads of Tobacco on such Ware Houses as he may direct any Part thereof that the Treasury will afford

Ibid. [Council to Henry Courtenay, Esqr.]

Yours of the 31st Ult. respecting the Cloths we have received and in Answer, request you to send us a Sample of the Cloths, the Prices and your Terms of Payment. They are such Articles as are much wanting and if we approve your Terms, shall purchase them most chearfully. If the Stockings are proper for Soldiers and the Price not too extravagant we will contract for them also. We shall be glad to be favored with your Answer as soon as convenient.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. William Middleton.]

You are to receive on board your Boat the Dolphin one 6ll Cannon wheels and Carriage 100 Stand of Arms, 1000 Flints 2 Barrels of Powder one of Cannon the other of Musket, which you are to deliver to the Lieutenant of Dorset County for the use of the Militia of that County at Cambridge. You are then to proceed down the Bay as far as Patuxent, to the Relief of Mr Berry who is stationed there as a lookout and dispatch him immediately with whatever Intelligence he
p. 50 may have relative to the Movements of the Enemy; and you are then to proceed down as far as you can with safety for the Purpose of discovering with Certainty, where the Enemy are, and what there Designs may be, which you are to communicate to this Board as speedily as possibly.

[Council to Mr. John Brookes.]

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Your of the 25th Ult. and 1st Instant are received we were so much engaged the last week that we had not Time to write to you. The Salt shall be sent you to morrow or next Day at farthest. It is not in our Power at Present to supply you with any Money as our Treasury is entirely exhausted.

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Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Sergt Benjamin Fitzgerald of the 7th Regiment a Compleat suit of Cloaths, John Carson of the 3d Regimt one pair of Overalls and one Jacket Francis Burton of the 1st Regimt one shirt and one hat. William Braughton of the 6th one Coat, vest, pair of Overalls one Blanket, one shirt and one pair of shoes, Henry Livingston and George Field of the 3d regt each, one Coat one vest one pair of Overalls one Blanket and one shirt. Sergt William Morgan of the Maryland Artillery one Blanket and also to Colo Adams, Linen for two shirts in part of the Articles allowed him by the General Assembly for the year 1781

That the Issuing Commissary send fifteen bushels of Salt to John Smith Brookes upper Marlborough

That Christopher Edelin Esquire Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to George Murdock Esquire Commissary for supplying the Convention Troops Thirty thousand pounds on Account.

That the western shore Treasurer deliver to Colo Uriah Forrest one hundred and fifty hhds of Tobacco on Account

Commissions issued to Philip Thomas appointed Captain and John Ross Key Lieut of a Troop of Horse in Frederick County raised in Virtue of an " Act to encourage the raising a Volunteer Troop of Light Horse in Baltimore Town and each County of this State."

[Council to George Murdock, Esqr.]

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The Commissaries of Prince George's Charles St Marys and Montgomery Counties have orders to send forward immediately all the Provisions they may have, for the use of the Convention Troops and Guard. You will [find] herewith an Order on the Collector of Frederick County for thirty thousand Pounds, which we hope will answer for the Present till we can give you a further supply. The Treasury is at so low an Ebb that it will not enable us to furnish you with any Money. If the Collector of Frederick County should have it in his Power to supply you with more than we have directed, on Application from you, we shall order a further sum.

[Council to Colonel Crocket.]

Ibid.

From a Letter received from Colonel Wood that the Troops which you command are ordered to Fort Pitt. The Legislature of this State

February 3 Liber No. 78 p. 50 have directed that the Maryland Part of the German Regiment under the Command of Colonel Weltner, the Corps of Artillery Commanded by Capt. Brown and five Companies of Militia if necessary should be ordered to relieve you. We have this Day wrote to Colonel Weltner and Capt. Brown to march their Corps immediately and shall order such Part of the Militia as We may think sufficient with p. 51 the above Corps to act as a Guard over the Convention Troops. The Commissaries of St. Marys Charles P. Georges and Montgomery Counties have been ordered to transmit all the flesh Provisions they have immediately to M[r] Murdock for the Supply of the Convention Troops and Guard. You may rest assured that every Measure in our Power will be exerted to prevent the Prisoners from Suffering or having the least Cause of Complaint.

Ibid. [Council Circular to the Commissaries of Charles, St. Mary's and Prince George's Counties.]

We request you to forward with all possible Dispatch to George Town, all the Beef, Pork and all other flesh Provisions that you have or may purchase to be delivered to M[r] Thomas Richardson, this Provision is to supply the Convention Troops who are so much distressed that if they are not supplied without Delay it may be attended with serious Consequences.

Ibid. [Council to Thomas Richardson Esqr.]

The Convention Troops at Frederick Town being in a most distressing Situation for Want of Supplies, we have ordered the Commissaries in St. Mary's Charles and Prince Georges Counties to forward all the flesh Provisions of their Purchase to you, which we request, together with what you have, may be transmitted immediately to Frederick Town and delivered to M[r] George Murdock This Business will not admit of Delay.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Brown.]

Enclosed you have a Resolution of the General Assembly requesting us to direct the Matrosses under your Command to march to Frederick Town. It is our wish that you march there as soon as you possibly can, as the Troops under the Command Col. Crocket at present as a Guard over the Convention Troops are ordered to Fort Pitt.

Ibid. p. 52 [Council to Colonel Weltner]

Enclosed you have a Resolution of the General Assembly requesting us to direct the Maryland Part of the German Regiment under your Command to march to Frederick Town as a Guard over the Convention Troops. It is our wish that you march there as soon as you possibly can, as the Troops under the Command of Col[o] Crocket

at present as a Guard over the Convention Troops are ordered to Fort Pitt

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[Council to Colonel Hooper.]

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Agreeably to the Act to compel the Payment of the Taxes in Somerset County we request you to order immediately a Company of Militia from your County of one hundred Privates under a spiritted Officer to march into Pocomoke and Annemessix hundreds in Somerset County and be there stationed until the public Taxes due on those Hundreds are collected or until they are relieved for the Purpose of aiding the Collectors in the Collection of the Public Taxes due in those Hundreds.

[Council to William M^cBride, Commissary of Somerset County.] Ibid.

We request you to supply the Militia ordered from Dorset and those that may [be] ordered from Somerset County with all necessary Provisions, keeping a distinct Account thereof, for the Purposes mentioned in the Act to compel the Payment of Taxes in Somerset County.

[Council to George Dashiel, Esqr.] Ibid.

We enclose you a Copy of the Law to compel the Payment of the Public Taxes in Part of Somerset County, to which we refer you we have wrote to the Commissary of Somerset to furnish the necessary Supplies of Provision.

[Council to Lieutenant of Montgomery.] Ibid. p. 53

By a Resolution of the General Assembly we are empowered if we think necessary to order a full Company of Militia from your County to assist in guarding the Convention Troops. We are not acquainted with the Numbers necessary to guard the Prisoners and therefore have wrote to the Lieutenant of Frederick, whom we have appointed to command the Guard informing him, that we should write to you to order a full Company of Militia, from your County to march to Frederick Town. On his Application you will order them on his Duty without further Instructions.

[Council to Col. Baker Johnson.] Ibid.

Enclosed you have a Resolution of the General Assembly directing a Guard over the Convention Troops to releive the Guard from Virginia. We wish you to take the Command of the Guard and to order on Duty a full Company of the Militia from your County, we shall not order any other Company on Duty until we hear from you, as Col. Wood wrote to us he thought one hundred and fifty men with their proper Officers would be sufficient, the Company now ordered with Col. Weltners and Capt. Browns Corps will exceed that Number

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but in Case The Corps alone mentioned should not get up in Time, We have directed the Lieutenant of Montgomery County on your Request to order a full Company of Militia from that County to march to Frederick Town.

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Stephen West Esquire elected a Member of the Council to the Governor appeared & Qualified by taking the several Oaths required by the Form of Government and Laws of this State, Certificate thereof being produced he took his Seat.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Zachariah Duvall three pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and fifty seven pounds, ten shillings due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt William Brown Twenty pounds six shillings and three pence of the same Emission in lieu of eight hundred and twelve pounds, ten shillings due himself, nineteen pounds, eighteen shillings and one penny half penny of the same Emission in lieu of seven hundred and ninety six pounds, five shillings for the use of Lieut John Carson and eighteen pounds, five shillings and seven pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of seven hundred and thirty one pounds, five shilings for the use of Capt. James Smith per Accts passed by the D. Aud.

That John Crisall send fifteen Bushels of salt to John Smith Brookes at Upper Marlbro.

That the said John Crisall Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut[t] John Chever of the Maryland Artillery two Gallons of Rum and eight pounds of Sugar due him for the Month of January.

That the Commissary of stores deliver to Benjamin Marsh and Philip Savoy of the 1st Regimt each a Suit of Cloaths and one Blanket, Dennis Trummell one pair of Breeches one Shirt & one pair of shoes, Thomas Clements one pair of Breeches one Shirt one pair of shoes & one pair of Stockings, William Clements one pair of shoes and one shirt of the Regt Extra and to Ignatius Mitchell Wheeler of the 7th Regimt one pair of breeches, one pair of shoes, one pair Stockings & one Shirt.

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Jubb Fowler appointed Messenger to the Governor and Council in the room of Robert Reith deceased.

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[Council to General Gist.]

In Consequence of the enclosed Resolution of the General Assembly of the 2d Feb. 1781 we directed Capt Brown to march his Company to Frederick Town to strengthen the Guard over the British Convention Troops, and have been since informed that you have ordered Part of that Company as Guard over the Stores pro-

ceeding to the Southward, which we attribute to your not having been apprised of the Resolution of the Assembly. We request that you would have a Guard for the Protection of the Stores furnished from the Infantry and that you would order the Mattrosses to return to Baltimore, that Capt. Brown may march to Frederick in Obedience to your Direction. February 6 Liber No. 78 p. 53 p. 54

[Council to Collector of Somerset County.] February 5 Liber No. 78

We have enclosed you a Copy of the Act of Assembly to compel the Payment of the Public Taxes in Somerset County, and for your Support in the Execution of your Office, the Company of Militia ordered from Dorchester County will be stationed agreeable to the Act and ready with any of the Militia the Lieutenant of Somerset County mak think proper to add to that Service (should Necessity require it) to enforce the Payment thereof. We have no Doubt but you will use every Exertion in your Power to make the said Collection, as the Exigencies of the State require your utmost Assiduity. p. 54

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Ordered that John Bullen Esqr Quarter Master furnish Mr Hodgkin with two or more Waggons, Teams and Drivers immediately to remove the public Records p. 42

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Doctr Murray fourteen pounds salt petre to be Accounted for

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Dorsey & Co. two hundred and sixty eight pounds, six shillings and six pence of the new Emission on Account.

That John Bullen Esqr Quarter Master deliver to Lieut Luckett a Public Horse.

[Council to Ignatius Taylor, Esqr.] February 7 Liber No. 78

We received your Letter of the 22d Ult. and are much obliged to you for your Assistance and Activity in preserving the Cargoe of the Nautilles Colonel Smith informs us that he hired Negroes to save the Cat[o]'s Cargoe, and that the whole of that Cargoe except what was purloined by some of the Inhabitants, is lodged in Mr Billwoods Yard. This Board have determined to have the Flour transported to Baltimore Town to be baked or repacked and have appointed you to take Care of the Interest of the State and have the whole of the Flour as well the Cat[o]'s as the Nautilles's Cargoe put on Board the Craft we have sent down, and will make you ample Compensation for your Trouble and Care in Superintending and managing this Business. We are willing to make the Militia the usual and customary Allowance for Salvage (which is one tenth Part of the Property saved) and will pay one tenth Part to you or your order to be distributed p. 54

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among those who assisted you. We request you would use your Endeavours to find out Persons who have embezzled our Flour and transmit a List of their Names to us as soon as possible that we have them prosecuted. If the Craft sent will not carry the whole of the Flour, be pleased to procure a Vessel immediately Since writing the above Capt. Shepherd has arrived with four hundred and thirty five

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Barrels Part of the Cat[o's] Cargoe and we are informed that the rest of that Cargoe except about one hundred Barrels is put on Board the Schooner and now request you to ship the remaining one hundred Barrels with the Nautilles's Cargoe in such Craft as can be obtained.

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Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Nathaniel Shepherd employed in removing the Cargoes of the Nautilus and Cato to Baltimore one Gallon of Rum. Capt Samuel M[c]Pherson of the 1st Regim[t] nineteen and a half gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of sugar. Capt. William Bruce of the same Regim[t] eighteen gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of Sugar and also to Ensign Henry Clements of the 3rd Regim[t] six Gallons of Rum and twenty four pounds of Sugar due them for the year 1780.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Ensign Robert Halkerston of the 3rd Regim[t] and Ens. Henry Clements of the same Regim[t] each Thirty pounds of the new Emission agreeable to a Resolution of the Gen[l] Assembly of the 30th Dec[r] last and also to the said Ens. Henry Clements six pounds nineteen shillings and three pence of the same Emission in lieu of two hundred and seventy eight pounds twelve shillings and Six pence due him per Acc[t] passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq[r] Three hundred and twelve pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. William Bruce of the first Regim[t] Cloth and Trimmings sufficient for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts in part of the Articles for the present year and one and a quarter yards of shalloon deficiency of 1780.

In Virtue of the "Act to Regulate Auctions" Thomas Yates is appointed Auctioneer for Baltimore County William Wise for Worcester County and John Derwood for Somerset County.

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[Council to Thomas Donellan.]

It is the Opinion of this Board that the Flour saved from the Vessels lately shipped for the Havanna, and now sent to Baltimore under your Direction should be examined, and what appears by any Means damaged, you are to have mixed with cource Flour which you are to purchase for that Purpose and have baked into Bread

proper for the Army, and barreled; and that which is good we would have repacked in a Manner you think best; the whole to remain for the further Directions of this Board, you will inform us of the Condition of this Flour and your Procedure thereon. February 8 Liber No. 78 p. 55

[Council to Colonel Smith.] Ibid.

M^r^ Rutland informs us he has the use of an Anchor and Cable of yours without which his Vessel cannot proceed down the Bay, where we propose to send her to bring up the Residue of the State Flour, we request you will be so obliging to lend them to M^r^ Rutland for this Purpose and we will have them safe delivered to you.

[Council to Doct'r Thomas.] Ibid.

We have wrote to Colonel Baker Johnson relative to the Pistols delivered to your Troops and have fixed the Price at three hundred Pounds Continental Money or the Value in State Money per Pair, which we expect will be considered by them as reasonable.

[Council to Colonel Baker Johnson.] Ibid. p. 56

We received yours of the 3^rd^ Ult. but were at that Time so much engaged that we could not answer it. From what we have been able to collect such Pistols compleat would sell for five Pounds Gold. We think from the Condition they are in, the State ought not to demand more than three Pounds Gold, which we hope will not be thought unreasonable.

[Council to George Murdock, Esqr.] Ibid.

Brigadier Hamilton of the Convention Troops in his Letter of the 30^th^ January past informs that on his Arrival at Frederick he made a Demand of Board and Nails to put the Barracks in tolerable Order for the British Troops to be in; that had those Articles been provided and Tools he would by Means of his workmen have perfected the Barracks. Information has been received that Plank Boards and necessaries may be had near Frederick Town, as we desired this Business to be done we wonder why it has not. This Board is of Opinion that the present is a good opportunity of compleating the Barracks, while the British Artificers are there under the Direction of their Brigadier. Wherefore it is determined that you with the best Dispatch procure the necessary Tools and Materials and assist in settling those People at Work. We doubt not your Frugality and good Management and for Payment you shall either have Money transmitted to you or orders on the Collector of your County or if it may be of Service Tobacco no Time should be lost. The Brigadier also [complains] of the irregular and scanty Supply of Fuel, we hope

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without Foundation, and he writes that the Troops have received no Meat for five Days past. We observe you write of a person from Carlyle offering Seventy Bullocks to be paid in Flour at Baltimore Town. The Distance between Frederick and Baltimore from Carlyle should certainly make some Differences as the Price of the Beef as well as the Difference between small and large Quantity. However we think it best that you get the Beef upon the lowest Terms possible to be paid in Flour at Baltimore Town at the current Price for Flour there and you shall upon your advising us of having made the Contract be furnished with orders for the Flour to make your Payment

Ibid. p. 57

[Council to Mr Holker.]

We long since gave orders to the Commissaries of the State to restore the Flour and Wheat seized by them which was purchased for the [use] of his most Christian Majesty, though it remained uncertain whether that Quantity did not exceed what was allowed. We have been and still are anxious to have the Quantity purchased by M^r^ Smith and his Agents in the several Counties, reduced to a Certainty and pointed out the only Method by which we apprehend it could be ascertained, the Letters laid before you in Council, M^r^ Smith ought to call on his Agents to render Accounts of their Purchases, in which they ought to mention, the Time of whom they purchased and how much of each Person we are inclined to think the Method suggested by you of directing the Commissaries to return the Quantity of Flour and wheat seized by them belonging to the Marine of France, will not give the Satisfaction you could wish because the Commissaries gave Certificates to the Possessors as Proprietors without making particular Inquiry whose Property it was and because it cannot be supposed that all the wheat and Flour purchased by M^r^ Smiths Agents was seized by our Commissary. With great Pleasure we will grant the desired Permission to M^r^ Smith to forward to Mess^rs^ Turnbull and Company by the way of the Head of Elk 3000 Barrels of Flour we are obliged by your Proffer of 1500 Barrels of Biscuit but decline accepting it, on Account of the enormous Expence that attends the Transportation and Difficulty of procuring Barrels and having at this Time a very considerable Quantity of damaged Flour which we have determined to have baked in Biscuit.

Ibid.

[Council to Brigadier General Hamilton.]

We received your letter of the 30^th^ January Yesterday. We have in Consequence thereof, given Orders to our Agent M^r^ Murdock to procure Boards Nails and every Thing necessary for compleating the Barracks; and to be attentive to the regular Supply of Fuel and Provisions for the Convention Troops.

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Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Morrison late a Soldier in the 7th Regimt one suit of Cloaths, one shirt, one pair of shoes and one pair of Stockings on Account.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Porterfield two hundred thousand pounds of Tobacco including four per Cent for Cask to be paid over to James Clay Esqr Depy Paymaster of the Southern Army in lieu of three hundred and twenty thousand Dollars for his order in favor of Peter Mallett Esquire, in Virtue of a Resolution of Congress of June last.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Edward Spurrier of the 4th Regimt fifteen pounds, thirteen shillings and six pence three farthings of the new Emission in lieu of six hundred and thirty two pounds, twelve shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud. p. 43

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Edward Spurrier nineteen Gallons of Rum and seventy four pounds of Sugar due him for the year 1780.

Commissions issued to Henry Boarman appointed Capt. in the room of Alexander McPherson. Henry Dent Capt in the room of Benjamin Philpot and Richard Bennett Boarman Capt in the room of Capt. Winters in the Twelfth Batt. of Militia in Charles County.

Zephaniah Turner Esquire appointed Auditor General by the General Assembly in the room of Uriah Forrest who resigned, after having first Executed a Bond to the State as required by a Resolution of the General Assembly and Thomas Gassaway appointed Deputy Auditor, produced Certificates of their Qualification and the same filed.

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Mr Ridley has made us an Offer of a Quantity of Baze which we will [ ] for 2¾ for every and also a Parcel of Stockings at the same Rate. We desire you to examine these Articles, and should you think they will answer our Purpose, we request you would take Charge of them and write us immediately.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Simon Nicholls seven thousand pounds to be delivered over to Thomas Richardson Commissary of Montgomery County on Account.

[Council to Mr. James Sullivane.] February 10
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The public Salt under the Directions of Mr Wederstrand, the late Commissaries of Purchases of the Eastern Shore, in the Possession of the late Commissary of Dorchester County Mr Harrison, you will

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receive for the use of the State and give your Receipt therefor. We desire you to forward by the first opportunity to the Head of Elk twenty one Barrels of Flour two Barrels of Ship Stuff, four Barrels of Hogs lard for the united States, together with two hundred Bushels of Wheat now in Store at Cambridge, to be delivered to the issuing Commissary at the Head of Elk and for which you are to take his receipt.

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Ordered that the Commanding Officer at the Hospital receive therein Mary Darnall a soldiers wife of the 4th Regim^{t} and that he draw rations and other necessaries which her present situation may require

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Berry eighty three pounds, two shillings and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of three thousand, three hundred and twenty five pounds due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

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[Council to President of the Board of War.]

The General Assembly of this State at their late Sitting passed an Act directing that the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Regiment extraordinary should be drafted into the continental Service and that the field and commissioned Officers of said Regiment should be recalled with this Proviso that Colonel Alexander Lawson Smith who had the Command of the said Regiment should hold the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel as a supernumerary Officer in this State in the continental Service, he having resigned his Commission in the Continental Service for the Purpose of accepting the Command of said Regiment and being entitled in Course to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel and requested us to write to your Board desiring that a Commission might be made out accordingly. We therefore desire that a Commission may issue to Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Lawson Smith with the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the continental Service.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Hannah May five Dollars of the new Emission in lieu seventy five pounds per Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to the Honble John Rogers Esquire three hundred and forty one pounds, fourteen shillings and two pence of the same Emission in lieu of thirteen thousand, six hundred and sixty eight pounds, six shillings and eight pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel T. Wright Esquire two hundred pounds of the same Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Specket Express from Frederick Town one hundred pounds for the purpose of bearing his Expences on his return. February 13 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 43

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junior four thousand and fifty two pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence due him for depreciation on his last years Salary per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] and also for the use of Robert Reith late Messenger to the Governor & Council one thousand three hundred & sixteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence due him for the last years depreciation on his Salary per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l] and also three thousand one hundred and twenty five pounds due him for three Months salary to the first of February the time of his Decease.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Martin Shuggars and Ensign Jacob Raybolt of the German Regiment each, two suits of Cloaths and Linen for six shirts in full for the year 1780 and in part for 1781 p. 44

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M[r] Keeports informs us he has a Serjeant belonging to the continental Army employed in the Service of the State, who is extremely useful in making and repairing Cartouch Boxes and from the Difficulty of procuring so skilful and faithful workman of the kind, we apprehend the Public will suffer considerable Inconvenience if he is ordered to join the Army. We therefore should take it as a Favor if you will give Directions for his continuing with M[r] Keeports.

[Council to Brigadier General Hamilton.] Ibid.

We wrote you by Col. Wood in Answer to your Favor of the 31[st] Ul[t] and this Day we are to acknowledge the Receipt of Yours of the 8[th] Instant. We lament the disagreeable Situation the Convention Troops are under for the want of a regular Supply of Provisions of the meat Kind; and can assure you it is the earnest Desire and Wish of this Board to render their Captivity as comfortable as it is in our Power; for that Purpose we have repeatedly desired M[r] Murdock to use every Means possible to procure the necessary Supplies and to obviate every Ground of Uneasiness and Complaint. M[r] Murdock's last Letter informed us of a considerable Supply he had in View, nor do we doubt of his procuring it Shortly. Every Means in our Power shall be exerted to render the Situation of the Convention Troops as agreeable as possible.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Issabell one pound seventeen shillings and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of seventy five pounds as per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud[r] p. 44

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That the Commissary of stores deliver to Col° Adams one Coat eight vests nine pair of Breeches nineteen shirts, ten pair of shoes fifteen p[r] of stockings three hats & eight blankets for the use of the Troops of the Mary[d] Line.

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Thursday 15[th] February 1781

Commission issued to George Truitt appointed Sheriff of Worcester County in the room of Edward Vandome resigned.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Muir Esquire three hundred pounds of the new Emission due him as Commissary of Stores for the year 1780 by a Resolution of the General Assembly November Session last

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green Esquire sixty nine pounds and eleven pence of the same Emission in lieu of two hundred seven hundred and sixty one pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence due him per Account by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander C. Hanson Esquire Judge of the Gen[l] Court five thousand one hundred and thirty seven pounds due him for the last year Depreciation on his last years Salary p Acc[t] passed by the A G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt William Brown of the Artillery three hundred and fifty Dollars of the same Emission to be by him paid to the following Recruits enlisted by him and passed by General Gist viz. Peter Minor, Rob[t] Livingston James Simonds, William Stalker, William Moran John Gilman & John Silman each fifty Dollars of the said Emission the Enlisting Money promised by the said Captain Brown.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shaw, one hundred and seventy five pounds ten shillings of the same Emission in lieu of seven thousand and twenty pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Tootell two pounds sixteen shillings and three pence of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and twelve pounds, ten shillings due him per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the E. S. Treasurer pay to the Honorable Nicholas Thomas Esquire three hundred and twelve pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission to be accounted for.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John King nineteen pounds, thirteen shillings and nine pence of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro twenty three pounds seventeen shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of nine hundred and fifty five pounds due him per Account passed by the Auditor General.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay to James Brooke eight hundred and ten pounds for a Blank Book purchased of him for the use of the Council. February 15 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 45

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Brown for the use of his Company of Artillery forty two Coats forty two Jackets forty two hats twenty seven blankets & five complete suits of Cloaths two pair of shoes & two shirts to the suit.

Whereas it appears to this Board by a Letter of the 6th Instant received from John Murdock and Richard Thompson Esquires of Montgomery County, that Saml Elbert Esquire of the State of Georgia and Brigadier General in the Continental Army and Colo Leonard Marbury of the same State, and also by a Letter from Colo Marbury of the 6th Instant that William O'Brien, William Gibbons and Matthew Griffen of the State aforesaid was driven from that State by the Enemy and have settled in this State that they have taken the Oath of Allegiance to the Stae of Georgia and have done every thing that good Citizens could do in Support of their Country they have the Approbation of the Board to settle in this State.

Whereas we are informed that Benjamin Shockley has in a violent and outrageous Manner resisted the late Sheriff of Worcester County in the execution of the Laws and compelled him to resign his said Office whereby together with the general Conduct and Conversation of the said Benjamin Shockley in drinking Success to the King of Great Britain and boasting that they expect ample Satisfaction for what had been taken from them, Dissatisfaction is spread amongst the Subjects of this State and the disaffected and evil disposed are encouraged to oppose the Government and its Laws. The Lieutenant of Worcester County is hereby empowered required and directed to arrest the said Benjamin Shockley without delay and have him before us forthwith that he may be dealt with according to Law and for his so doing this shall be his Justification. Given in Council this 15th Day of February 1781

Whereas from the Information we have received there is just Reason to suspect a certain Captain Beach now in Cecil or Harford County of clandestinely trading with the Enemy and transporting Flour to New York. The Lieutenants of Cecil and Harford Counties are hereby empowered required and directed to arrest the said Capt. Beach and have him before us forthwith that he may be dealt with according to Law and for their so doing this shall be their Justification.

Given in Council this 15 Day of February 1781.

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You will receive into your Custody the Body of George Vansant Mann and him closely keep agreeable to the enclosed order of this Board.

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[Council to Capt. Gilbert Middleton.]

You are immediately to take George Vansant Mann under your Care and proceed with him to Baltimore and deliver him into the Custody of the Sheriff of Baltimore County, together with the letter herewith

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[Council to Joseph Dashiell, Esqr.]

Your Favor of the 11th Instant was handed to us by Mr Trutt and we have sent you a Warrant to apprehend and bring Benjamin Stockley before us and request you would summon such material witnesses as you think necessary and can establish the Charges and send them over with the said Stockley to testify against him. We wish you had mentioned the County in which Capt. Beach resides and his Christian Name, on a Supposition that he lives in Cecil or Harford County, we have sent a warrant to each of the Lieutenants of their Counties. You will do well in endeavouring to apprehend the Insurgents that broke Lewis Town Goal and if you should be successful, it will be proper to send them under a sufficient Guard of the Militia of that County to the executive of the Delaware State; any Expences you may necessarily incur in performing this Business will be defrayed. As to the Persons of your County who may harbour the Insurgents knowing them to be such, we think they ought to be presented at the General Court of the Eastern shore. It gives us great Pleasure to be informed that the Law to enforce the Payment of Taxes in Somerset County has produced the desired Effect, and wish it was more general. We have sent you a Blank Commission agreeably to your Request it appears from our Book that the Company is officered, if that is the Case you must not displace any of the officers to introduce Mr Dennis

Ibid.

[Council to James Dick Esqr.]

This Board have considered your Letter of the 5th Instant relative to Mr Stewart's Desire of returning to this State and are of opinion that a Permission for that Purpose cannot be granted.

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Friday 16th February 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Miles four pounds four shillings and four pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and sixty eight pounds fifteen shillings due him p Acct passed by the A. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jeremiah Townly Chase Esquire seventy five pounds of the same Emission in full for his last years Salary.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjt John Neary of the first Regimt one shirt and one pair of Woolen overalls.

[Council to Mr. Holker.]

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It is proposed by the Governor and Council of Maryland to Mr Holker that he procure some Person in France to purchase in France upon the best Terms at the Cash Price Arms and Cloathing for the Troops of this State agreeable to Invoice, and Ship them for Baltimore Town with orders to endeavour to make that Port or some part of Chesapeak Bay; and if prevented by the Enemy or the weather from making the Port of Baltimore or some part of Chesapeake then to advance to make Philadelphia or some part of Delaware Bay and if prevented by the Enemy or the weather from making Phil[a] or some part of Delaware then to endeavour to make some Port in Connecticut or Massachusetts Bay if the Goods are delivered in Chesapeak or Delaware the Government of Maryland will pay two shillings and six pence Sterling for every Shilling Sterling prime Cost in France clear of commission and all other charges except only the Expence of Transporting the Goods from the place where purchased to the Place of Shipping to be paid on the Delivery of the Goods in merchantable Fine Flour each Barrell to contain two hundred and twenty pounds of Flour at the current market price at the time of the Delivery of the Goods which shall not exceed thirty shillings sterling per Barrell but if the Flour should exceed that Price the State may pay in good Bills of Exchange on France If the Goods are delivered at any Port in Connecticut or Massachusetts the Government of Maryland will pay two shillings for every shilling as above in Flour as above. Double the Quantities of Goods required shall be shipped and if they arrive in either of the Bays or States below mentioned Chesapeak or Delaware Bay the State of Maryland shall have them and pay for them Two Shillings for every shilling cost as above, if delivered in Connecticut or Massachusetts to pay twenty pence for every shilling cost as above If the shippers of the Goods should chuse to Export the Flour Liberty shall be granted and if they should not chuse to be paid in Flour as above they shall be paid in Tobacco inspected under Law at the time of the Delivery of the Goods at twelve shillings Sterling per hundred clear of casks or in good Bills of Exchange on France in case the Price of Tobacco should exceed the sum Stipulated at the option of the State.

[Council to Colonel Leonard Marbury.]

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We received your Letter of the 6[th] Instant and have sent Certificates for the several Persons mentioned in Mess[rs] Murdock and Thompson's Letter approving their Settling in our State. We can assure you it gives us great Pleaure to receive into our State the Friends of America who have been driven from their Homes by the Enemy, and hope the Asylum they have chosen will afford them every Satisfaction and Advantage they can wish

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[Council to Mr. Holker.]

The want of Arms for our Militia, whose defenceless Condition is the principal indeed only Cause of their Backwardness to turn out and repel the Invaders of our Lives, Liberties and Property with Spirit and vigorous Activity and Cloathing and Arms for our Quota of Troops in the continental Army, and the Impracticability of procuring them in America together with the well grounded Expectation that the Enemy's operations the ensuing Campaign, will be directed against the Southern and middle States, fill us with Anxiety for the safety of our People, and induce us to look up for Succour to his most Christian Majesty, whose Magnamity and generous Participation of our Cares and Distresses, animate us with the pleasing Hope that, another Instance of his Favour and Assistance will be added to those essential, and important ones, already conferred on America; and the Impression we are under from the friendly and disinterested Sentiments you have expressed for the State, and its welfare, convinces us that every Aid that can possibly be contributed to facilitate the Execution of our Plan herewith transmitted, will be afforded; and that you will feel the highest Satisfaction from a Consciousness that the People of Maryland will retain a grateful sense of the Assistance derived from your Interposition

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Charlotte Small five pounds of the new Emission in lieu of two hundred pounds due her per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Auditor.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain William Middleton twenty five pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Holmes Twenty eight pounds eight shillings and nine pence of the same Emission in lieu of eleven hundred and thirty seven pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to William Coe thirty four pounds ten shillings of the same Emission per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Sterret twelve thousand six hundred and forty pounds Continental Currency for a Barge purchased by Major Steward by order of this Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Randall one thousand five hundred and seventy five pounds for the use of George Keeports for nine Ream of paper purchased of him for the use of the public.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Christopher Richmond Lieut in the first Regim^{t} Linen for four shirts two of them due in the year 1780 and Cloth sufficient for a Suit of Cloaths with Trimmings.

Permission is hereby given to William Smith Esquire of Baltimore Town to transport by water to the Head of Elk three thousand Barrels of Flour purchased by him for M^r^ Holker Agent for the Marine of France and for the use of the said Marine of France and from thence by Land to the City of Philadelphia the Barrels to be branded and the brand mentioned in the permit to be granted by the Naval Officers. February 17 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 46

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Agreeably to a Law passed the last Session of Assembly, requiring the Sheriffs under heavy Penalties to forward all public Letters and Packetts &^ca^ we now have to request you to deliver the Acts enclosed and the Dispatches which accompany to the respective Gentlemen to whom they are directed. p. 61

[Council to Capt. William Middleton.] Ibid.

You are to proceed immediately down the Bay as low as you can with any Degree of Safety; If you should have any Information of the Enemys Coming up the Bay or should discover them yourself you must with all the Expedition possible return to this Place and give immediate Information to the Board.

[Council to Col. Hollingsworth.] Ibid. p. 62

We have given M^r^ William Smith of Baltimore Permission to send to Philadelphia by way of the Head of Elk three thousand Barrels of Flour for the Marines of France, the Barrels are to be branded and the Brand mentioned in the Permit to be granted by the Naval Officer. we mention this to you that M^r^ Smith may not meet with any Impediment in transporting the Flour and to prevent any undue Advantage from the Permission

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have received yours of the 15. There has been no Appointment of Commissary for the Western shore since your Resignation nor shall we make any until we see you which we hope will be as soon as possible as it is necessary the Appointment should be made

[Council to Mr. William Smith.] Ibid.

We have enclosed you a Permission for transporting three thousand Barrels of the Flour purchased by you for the Marine of France to Philadelphia by the Head of Elk, agreeable to request made in your Letter of the 12^th^

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[Council to Mr. Hercules Courtnay.]

Your Terms of Payment for the Cloths are such as we cannot possibly comply with and therefore inadmissible. It gives us pain to loose so favourable an opportunity of providing our Troops with such Cloaths as are immediately wanted, but our Inability to comply with a Contract of that kind must justify us in declining the Purchase.

Ibid.

[Council Circular to the Auctioneers.]

We have appointed you Auctioneer for County but you are not to act as such till after the first Day of April next, before you act
p. 63 you must take the Oaths to the Government required by Law (unless you have heretofore taken them) under the Penalty of five hundred Pounds and give Bond in the Penalty of two thousand Pounds current money with such Securities as the County Courts of your County shall approve with Condition that you will faithfully execute the Office and Trust reposed in you as Auctioneer for County agreeable to Law and in all things well and faithfully execute and perform the several Duties required of you by the Act entitled "An Act to regulate Auctions" and take the following Oath. "I A B do swear that I will faithfully and honestly execute the office and Trust reposed in me as Auctioneer, for County and will well and faithfully perform the several Duties required of me by Law without any Partiality Fraud and Deceit" Your Bond and Securities are liable for the Payment of one Pound in every hundred Pounds of property by you sold at Auction and you are once in every three Months to account on Oath and pay the same to the Treasurer of your Shore. Your Allowance as Auctioneer is as follows for house hold Goods Cattle or live Stock 3 ℔ Cent for Horses 2½ for Ships or other Vessels Houses or Land ½ ℔ Cent for Goods wares and Merchandize 2½ ℔ Cent, for Negroes one ℔ Cent with a Power to appoint a Deputy Auctioneer.

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Monday 19th February 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Slaughter sixteen Pounds, two shillings and six pence of the new Emission due him per account passed by the Aud^{r} Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas B. Hodgkin four pounds two shillings and four pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and sixty four pounds, fifteen shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by he Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Dawson forty five Pounds of the same per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to John Ward a British Deserter on his way to Philadelphia two Days rations.

[Council to Honble Mr. Holker.] February 19
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The Business which you have put yourself to the Trouble of sending for has been ready since Saturday and only waited the Express by whom the letter to M^r^ Smith and others were to be conveyed to Baltimore. We are exceedingly sorry to have put you to the Necessity of sending for the Permit.

[Council to Honble Mr. Holker.] Ibid.

In the Hurry of the Variety of Business that claims our Attention, we omitted to send you an Invoice of such military Stores as we would prefer if our Propositions should be accepted, any mercantile Gentlemen to whom you should think proper to have them made known

[Council to Reverend Mr. Hannah.] Ibid.
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We intend to have the Skow brought to Annapolis and examined and then we shall determine whether to sell or keep her for the use of the State if we should determine to sell, you shall be informed of the Terms.

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donellan.] Ibid.

M^r^ Stephen Steward will deliver you a considerable Quantity of Flour that was purchased for the Porpoise which you will receive, on Account of the State, noting the quality as well as the Quantity

[Council to Samuel Adams, Esqr., Chairman of the Committee of Congress.] Ibid.

We received your Favor of the 6^th^ Instant by which it appears the Committee have been much deceived by the Information received respecting the Flour stopped by M^r^ Hollingsworth, who was empowered by an Act of the General Assembly (and did not act in Consequence of any Regulation of the executive Council) to Stop all Flour about to be transported out of the State by Land except what was for the Army correspondent to which this Board upon being informed of the Seizure of one hundred Barrels of Flour said to be purchased for the Bank, instructed M^r^ Hollingsworth to inquire if that Flour was purchased for the Bank and for the use of the Army, and if upon Inquiry he should be satisfied it was, to suffer it to be removed. Whatever Respect the Opinion of the Committee may deserve in a Matter upon which they have deliberated, we think their Judgement of the wisdom and Policy of a Measure with which they appear to be unacquainted can have no Influence. We feel the sufferings of the Army and have and will upon this and every future occasions contribute our utmost Endeavours (which have never been surpassed by any State in the Union) to releive and support it, and

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trust the Committee will send upon Reading the Act of Assembly and attending to our Instructions to M[r] Hollingsworth that its object is to suppress a Commerce not only illicit but highly detrimental to the States and it cannot possibly have a Tendency to retard the Supplies for the Army nor can any injurious Consequences result from it.

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Tuesday 20[th] February 1781.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Goldsmith five pound of shoe thread to be paid for. John Randall seven Tents and to Capt. William Brown of the Artillery nine Tents.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Thomas 3[rd] two hundred and thirty four pounds two shillings and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of nine thousand three hundred and sixty five pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud[r] Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junior twenty Pounds five shillings of the same Emission in lieu of Eight hundred and ten pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud[r] Gen[l]

p. 47 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice Esquire three thousand pounds balance of his last years Salary.

That the said Treasurer pay to Athanasius Ford one hundred and fifty pounds of the new Emission in lieu of sixty pounds specie for a Horse sold Col[o] Lee's Corps per Certificates of A. M[c]Lane and J. Bullen.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Henry Gaither Twenty seven pounds seven shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of one thousand and ninety five pounds, nine shillings & eleven pence of the same Emission in lieu of six hundred and nineteen pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence due him per Acc[ts] passed by the D. Aud[r]

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Roberts eighteen shillings and nine pence of the same Emission in lieu of thirty seven pounds, ten shillings per Account passed by the D. Aud[r]

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Charles Wheeler and John Lane lately taken prisoners by the Enemy four Days provisions.

Philip Thomas Esquire appointed Lieutenant of Frederick County Militia in the room of Baker Johnson resigned.

Philip Meroney appointed and Commissioned Cornet of Capt Thomas's Troop of light horse in Frederick County raised in Virtue of an "Act to encourage the raising a Volunteer Troop of light Horse in Baltimore Town & each County of this State."

Whereas it appears to this Board from a Warrant issued by Philip Thomas Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace for Frederick County upon the Oath of Peter Adams that Thomas Wall resident of Virginia hath travelled into this State without a pass and that he

brought and delivered sealed Letters from British Prisoners at the Barracks in Virginia to British Prisoners in Frederick County aforesaid. Wherefore It is the opinion of this Board that the said Thomas Walls going at Large is dangerous to the State. You are therefore hereby empowered required and directed to arrest the said Thomas Wall without Delay and have him before us together with his papers forthwith that he may be dealt with according to Law and for your so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant. February 20 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 47

Given in Council this 19 February 1781.

To the Lieutenant of Frederick County.

[Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.] February 20 Liber No. 78 p. 65

Provisions are greatly wanted at Frederick, you will therefore get what Meat you have packed up in proper Packages for transporting to that Place, from whence Waggons are ordered immediately for it, it is for immediate Expenditure, you will continue your Purchase with Assiduity.

[Council to George Murdock, Esqr.] Ibid.

We are informed by Col. Baker Johnson that the Convention Troops have not drawn any flesh Provision for 15 to 16 Days past M^r^ Brookes Commissary of Prince George's County has a considerable Quantity of Pork on Hand and we request you to send down two Waggons for it immediately. Be pleased to inform us if you have made or expect to make a Purchase of the seventy Bullocks you mentioned in your last Letter.

[Council to Mr. Joseph Ford] Ibid.

Your request of a Supply of Cash is not in our Power to comply with. We think it very proper that the Wheat should be manufactured as we are unacquainted with the Terms of Grinding, leave you to make what Contract you may think just and customary.

[Council to Col. Baker Johnson.] Ibid.

Yours of the 17^th^ Instant was delivered to us by the Express. We enclosed the Resolution of the Assembly relative to our Men in the German Regiment and Capt. Brown's Company immediately upon the rising of the Assembly and requested them to march their Men to Frederick Town to act as a Guard over the Convention Troops, we assure you we never thought of countermanding that Resolution and are much surprised that General Gist or Capt Lansdale should give you such an Intimation. General Gist denied the Power of the Assembly to make that Resolution and ordered Capt Brown and Col Weltner to join the Southern Army pursuant to orders received from General Green. We are sorry it is so inconvenient for you to

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continue to act as Lieutenant of the County and have at your request accepted your Resignation and appointed Doctor Thomas to succeed you to whom we have given Directions respecting the Militia Guard. The third of this Instant we directed the Commissaries of Prince Georges Charles and S^{t} Mary's Counties to forward all the Provision they had or could procure to M^{r} Richardson who was at the same Time desired to send it to Frederick Town for the Convention Troops with all possible Expedition. We have wrote to M^{r} Murdock to send Waggons to M^{r} Brookes Commissary of Prince George's County for the Provision in that County. we have not yet received an Answer from Congress to the Appreciation for the Removal of the Prisoners out of our State, enclosed you will receive a late Pensylvania Paper with a supplement containing the King of Great Britain's Speech to his Parliament the 2^{d} of November last, and M^{r} Greens last Paper.

Ibid.

[Council to Thomas Johnson Esqr.]

We received your Favor of the 18th Instant and from Information have no Doubt of Wall's being a Dangerous Person and that it is proper he should be arrested and sent down to us, that we make Inquiry into his general Conduct and the Several Circumstances mentioned in your Letter. We have sent a Warrant to the Lieutenant of Frederick for that Purpose. If it should appear to us necessary to confine him we shall send him to Baltimore Goal.

Ibid.

[Council to Phillip Thomas, Esqr.]

We have received your letter of the 17th current recommending M^{r} Maroney his Commission as Cornet goes herewith. Colonel Baker Johnson in his Letter of the 11th request that some Gentleman may be appointed Lieutenant of Frederick County and a Captain of the Guard over the British Troops in his Stead. Enclosed you will receive a Commission appointing you Lieutenant of Frederick County, and it is our wish that you command the Guard over the Convention Troops yourself or appoint a fit Person for that Purpose. It may be proper to inform you that the Assembly at their late Meeting Resolved that the Governor and Council be requested to direct the Maryland Part of the German Regiment and Capt Brown's Company
p. 67 of Matrosses to march to Frederick Town as a Guard over the British Convention Troops and that they strengthen the said Guard by joining thereto a full Company of Militia from each of the Counties of Ann Arundel Baltimore Prince Georges Frederick and Montgomery or so many as they may think necessary and that the said Militia be releived by other Companies if necessary from the said Counties. In Consequence of that resolution Orders were given to L^{t} Col Weltner of the German Battalion and to Capt. Brown of the Matrosses; to

the Lieutenant of Montgomery County for a full Company of Militia when requested and to Colonel Baker Johnson Lieutenant of Frederick County. General Gist has ordered the Matrosses and the Maryland Part of the German Regiment to join the Southern Army so that we have now only the Militia to depend on as Guards for the British Troops Col Baker Johnson writes that there will be a full Company of Militia from Frederick County by the 21st and that he has wrote to Col. Griffith of Montgomery for a Company to be at Frederick the same Day. If you find that a more numerous Guard will be necessary, please to give us immediate Notice and a further strength shall be ordered from some of the neighbouring Militia agreeable to the Resolution of the Assembly. Orders have been dispatched to several Counties to hasten up Provisions to Frederick Intelligence has been received of the Misbehaviour of Thos. Wall enclosed is therefore a warrant for apprehending him; you will have the same executed and Wall sent here without Delay.

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Ordered that the Armourer deliver to Captain Gilbert Middleton one 4ᵗʰ Cannon one hundred & twenty five Muskets complete ten Barrels Gun powder two barrels damaged ditto. one thousand Flints half ream Cartridge paper & Cartridge paper for the 4ᵗʰ Shot, two hundred pounds of Lead & one hundred 4ᵗʰ shot to be delivered over to the Lieut. of Talbot County.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Thomas H. Luckett of Rawlings's Regimᵗ Cloth & Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for two shirts in part for the present year.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Elizabeth Buckley a soldiers wife of the 2nd Regimᵗ rations during her Husbands sickness.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Hyde five thousand two hundred and thirty four pounds due him for his last years Depreciation per Account passed by the Aud. Genˡ

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In Virtue of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 1st of May 1780 This Board have agreed to allow Mʳ Thomas Donnellan fifty pounds of the new Emission per Month for his services in receiving and forwarding Provisions for the Army.

Permission given to Mʳˢ Jane Hamilton widow of the Reverend Mʳ Hamilton of Cecil County to go into the City of New York.

[Council to Capt. Gilbert Middleton.]

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You will proceed immediately up Severn to the Indian Landing and take on Board twelve Barrels of Powder and four Boxes of Arms which are to be delivered you by Capt. Warfield and return to this Place for our further Directions.

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[Council to Capt. Warfield.]

We request you to deliver twelve barrels of Gun Powder, two Barrels of which to be of the worst Quality, and have them with four Boxes of Arms sent to Indian Landing to Capt. Gilbert Middleton immediately

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[Council to Lieutenant Luckett.]

You will deliver to Capt. Gilbert Middleton four Boxes of Musquets of the following Numbers and assist in transporting them to the Indian Landing

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Thursday 22^{d} February 1781

Commission issued to William Woodward jun^{r} appointed Ensign of Capt. Philemon Warfields Company in the Severn Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Randall fifteen thousand pounds Cont^{l} and also two hundred and thirty eight pounds one shilling of the new Emission in lieu of nine thousand five hundred & twenty two pounds one shilling and eight pence and sixty two pounds six shillings of the same Emission in lieu of two thousand four hundred and ninety two pounds due him per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

Permission granted to Captain Legh Master to return to New Providence in the Sloop Experiment with such Prisoners as may be delivered him by M^{r} Daniel Hughes Commissary of Prisoners.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to George Buchanan Commander of the Ship Tom Lee one hundred and seventy three Tons burthen navigated by forty five men mounting twelve Carriage Guns belonging to Archibald Buchanan of Baltimore

The Governor and Council have this Day agreed with M^{r} Stephen Steward for three pieces of Broad Cloth viz^{t} one piece white @ 21£ 10 S. one piece of blue at 20£ and one piece Scarlet at 30£ per Ell at four shillings Specie per Levie with Interest from this date at six ℔ Cent the money to be paid in May if possible.

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[Council to Leigh Master Esqr.]

We received your Letter of the 20th Instant and have sent you Permission to return to New Providence which you will shew to the Naval Officer of the District of Baltimore and M^{r} Hughes Commissary of Prisoners. We hope you will not meet with any thing to delay your Departure any longer.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esqr Seventy five pounds of the new Emission in lieu of an Order of the first instant in his favor for three thousand pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. William Smoot of the 1st Regimt six pounds, eight shillings and three pence of the same Emissions in lieu of two hundred and fifty six pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thackarell fifteen pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of six hundred and twenty five pounds per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Ens. William Smoot eight Gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of Sugar due him to the 1st of Jany last

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Paul Drone a recruit for the 2nd Regimt one Suit of Cloaths one Shirt & one pair of shoes, Benedict Reynolds of the 4th Regimt one suit of Cloaths, two shirts, one pair of Shoes, one pair of Stockings and one Blanket & to Willm Harris discharged from the 3d Regt one shirt, one pr Overalls & one pr shoes, on act

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Jeffres p. 49
of the Regimt Extra one shirt and one pair of Overalls. John Harmon of the 1st Regimt one shirt one pair of Overalls one pair of shoes and one pair of Stockings. Charles Willett a recruit for the 1st Regiment one suit of Cloaths one shirt, one pair of shoes, one pair of Stockings and one hat and also to Capt Gilbert Middleton of the State Boat Plater four Gimblets and six skeines Marline and one pair of shoes for Negro Michael.

[Council to Daniel Hughes, Esq.]

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We wrote to you on the 17th January respecting the Exchange of Capt John Harrison and his Crew Prisoners at New York for Capt Charles Whitehead and his Seamen taken in the Privateer Active and brought in here. Mr Steward who applied to the Assembly for the Release of Captain Harrison is here and anxious to have the former Order carried into Effect. We are at a loss to know what has prevented it and wish you to have recourse to our former on this Subject. We are of opinion that it may expedite this Business if a Parole be granted to Capt. Whitehead and be permitted to go to New York upon an Engagement that he procure the Release of Capt. Harrison in his Stead, and such of Capt. Harrison's Crew against those of Whiteheads and those mentioned in our Letter of the 29th of January.

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[Council to John S. Brookes, Esqr.]

We have received your Letter of the 22[d] Feb. and as soon as Mony comes in from the Collectors or by any other Means, your Application for it shall be remembered, we hope for some speedy Supplies. Your observations that you can now only purchase Beef that is slaughtered, and desire Instructions relative thereto, have been considered. It is the opinion of this Board that you purchase good Beef upon the Terms you can, not exceeding forty five shillings ꝑ Hundred. What you receive it will be necessary to salt and cure carefully either for the present Expenditure or keeping through the summer

Ibid.
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[Council to Major Taylor.]

From Information received from Colonel Barnes of the Enemy having committed Depredations in St. Mary's County and that he expect[s] the Militia will be called into Service, and as there is no Provision made for such an Event, we think it proper that a Part of the Flour saved from the Vessels should be reserved for the use of the Militia and have requested Col. Barnes to call on you for such Quantities as he may think necessary, which you will be so obliging as to deliver on his Order.

Ibid.

[Council to Col. Barnes.]

We are of opinion with you that a part of the Flour saved from the Vessels that were forced on shore by the Enemy should be reserved for the Militia if there is any Prospect of their being called on soon into Service, of which you are certainly the best Judge and therefore we leave it wholly to you and have requested Major Taylor to deliver to your Order such Quantities as you may think necessary for that Purpose.

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Saturday 24[th] February 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Frederick Green Clerk of the Ho. of Del[s] eighty three pounds six shillings and eight pence of the new Emission on Account of his Salary.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Thompson seven pounds two shillings and six pence of the same Emission per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Hutchinson of the first Reg[t] one Coat, one waistcoat, one pair Overalls and one shirt and to Henry Lewiston a soldier of the 2[nd] Regim[t] one shirt one hat and one pair of Shoes.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Gilbert Middleton of the State Boat plater six pounds of Candles.

[Council to Mr. Zachariah Duvall.] February 24
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We are informed that you have proposed to take into your Care, p. 69
some of the poor Horses belonging to the State. If you incline to do so, we request you will attend that we may agree on the Terms.

[Council to General Buchanan.] Ibid.

We enclose you a Copy of a letter from Col. Dashiel by which you will observe that James Welsh and William Isaac who are now in Baltimore are suspected of illicit Practices; we request you to have them immediately apprehended with their Papers and carefully examined and if there should appear to you any good Grounds for this Suspicion, you will have them confined and give us the earliest p. 70
Information thereof. The Information contained in the Letter is to be private.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Alice Redman No. 24
one pound seventeen shillings and six pence of the new Emission in p. 49
lieu of Seventy five pounds due her per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Ignatius Boone of the Extra Regiment, three hundred and eighty two pounds, five shillings and two pence half penny of the same Emission in lieu of fifteen thousand, three hundred and ten pounds, eight shillings and four pence due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Denny four pounds sixteen shillings and two pence of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and ninety two pounds seven shillings and six pence due him per Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capts David Lynn & Lloyd Beall of the 7th Regimt each, four pounds, sixteen shillings and two pence of the same Emission due them per Accounts passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Brooke fifteen pounds sixteen shillings and six pence of the same Emission due him per Acct passed.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut. Robert Denny, Capt. Lloyd Beall & Capt. David Lynn of the 7th Regimt each, six Gallons of Rum and twenty four pounds of sugar due them to the 1st March next.

That John Bullen Esqr Quarter Master to Zachariah Duvall, twelve public Horses to be by him taken care of.

That the Armourer deliver to Thomas Rutland an Anchor belonging to the State to be returned.

The Governor and Council agree with John Dorsey and Company to transport the flour saved from the Nautilus to Baltimore Town,

February 26 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 49 there to be examined & repacked at the expence of the State and to deliver what may be good and Merchantable to John Dorsey and Company agreeable to the weight, in payment of so much flour purchased by the said Company for the Cargo of the Nautilus.

p. 50 Nathaniel Ramsey Esquire appointed Commissioner to preserve confiscated British property in the room of William Paca Esquire who has resigned

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[Council to Capt. Gibert Middleton.]

You are to proceed with the Powder Arms and Ammunition which you have taken on Board your Vessel, To Talbot County, which you are to deliver to the Lieutenant of that County and take his receipt on their Delivery. You are then to proceed down the Bay to the relief of William Middleton, who is immediately to return to this Place and make his report. You are also to endeavour to make the best Observations in your Power of the situation and Designs of the Enemy; and to that End we recommend your Going to the French Fleet near Portsmouth where we apprehend the most authentic Information may be procured. You are to remain below in the present Service until you are recalled by this Board, if Nothing material occurs.

Ibid.

[Council to Mr Thomas Donellan.]

We have determined to return the Flour, saved of the Cat[o]'s Cargoe to Col. Samuel Smith and have to request you will deliver it as fast as it is repacked and reweighed to him or his Order.

Ibid.

[Council to Daniel Hughes, Esqr.]

We are desirous of bringing about the Exchange of the Mate of the Kitty captured by the Nesbit and confined in Baltimore Goal for M[r] James Tucker Mate of the Nesbit and Prize Master of the Kitty now with the Enemy at Portsmouth and for that End request you to deliver the Mate (whose Name is unknown to us) to Col. John Steward

Ibid.

[Council to Luther Martin Esqr.]

Agreeable to the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 1[st] of Feb. 1781. We request you to commence Suits immediately in the

p. 71 General Court against the Several Collectors and their Securities, who appear by the enclosed List of Balances obtained from the Treasurer of the western Shore to be in Arrear to the State. We have wrote to the Commissioners of those Counties who have neglected to make returns to the Treasurer to do it instantly.

[Council to General Gist.]

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Though we have not been favored with any authentic Intelligence of the Situation of Virginia yet, what we have obtained convinces us that every essential Service could be rendered by sending to their Succour all the regular Soldiers in the State that can be expeditiously collected. Our wish to give every Aid to Virginia at this trying Emergency, and Conviction that very important Consequences will result from it induces us to request you would have all the regular Soldiers in this State assembled immediately and put in Readiness to be transported in Vessels, which we will order to be procured here and at Baltimore as soon as you intimate to us your Acquiescence in what we have proposed. we think some of the experienced Supernumerary Officers would in this State be very serviceable in Virginia

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Johnson six pounds, one shilling and seven pence half penny of the new Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr thirty seven pounds ten shillings and also Twenty eight pounds, two shillings and six pence of the same Emission in part of his last years Salary as a Councillor on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Archibald McCallister sixty six pounds, sixteen shillings and three pence of the same Emission in lieu of two six hundred and seventy two pounds ten shillings due him per Acct passed by the A. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Nicholas Ricketts of the Artillery sixteen pounds, one shilling and two pence of the same Emission in lieu of six hundred and forty two pounds, seven shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Majr John Eccleston of the 5th Regimt late a Prisoner in New York fifty pounds of the same Emission agreeable to a Resolution of the Genl Assembly passed last Session.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Edward Hennessy a Recruit for the Artillery one Coat, one Jacket, one shirt, one pair of stockings one pair of Shoes, one hat and one Blanket. Isaac Jones of the 1st Regiment one pair of Overalls, one shirt and one pair of Shoes. Edward Armstrong a Drumr of the 2nd Regimt one pair of overalls, one pair of shoes and one shirt and also to Major John Eccleston Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts due him for the year 1780.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Nicholas Ricketts twenty Gallons of Rum and sixty nine pounds of Sugar due him to the 1st Inst.

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In virtue of the Act of the General Assembly "for the emitting Bills of Credit to the value of five thousand four hundred pounds sterling for the convenience of change and issuing them in exchange for the Bills of equal value now in circulation" passed October Session 1780. William Wilkins and Isaac McHard are appointed Supervisors of the Press for superintending the printing of the said Bills and Frederick Green, Thomas Johnson jun^{r} John Callahan and Nicholas Harwood signers thereof.

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[Council to Governor Jefferson.]

We have just received the Resolution of Congress of the 20th Instant recommending it to the Executives of the States of Delaware Maryland Virginia and North Carolina to agree upon and Settle an Arrangement for Supplying the Southern Army with Provisions from the States most contiguous and for replacing the same with Provisions from those that are more remote; and to establish such Mode of Transportation as will be most convenient and least expensive to the whole. It is our Desire that some Place in Virginia should be immediately agreed on and assigned for depositing the
p. 72 Quota of Provisions which we are called upon to supply the Southern Army. In establishing which we think the mutual Ease and Convenience of both states should be adverted to and none has occurred to us so suitable as Alexandria. If your Excellency should concur with us in opinion, Alexandria may be established and you will have a proper Person appointed to receive at that Post the Provisions which we may be able to forward. Your Excelency will communicate your Sentiments on this Subject as nearly as possible and in the mean Time we shall be preparing to comply fully with the recommendations of Congress. We are anxious to be informed of the Present Situation of Virginia, many reports have been circulating here but none so authentic as to deserve entire Confidence

Ibid.

[Council Circular to the Commissaries of the Counties.]

From the present Arrangement for Supplies, it is necessary that we should have an accurate return of all the Provisions procured under your former Appointment of Commissary. we therefore request you to transmit us a Return immediately of the Provision of all kinds procured by you, Specifying where deposited and delivered.

Ibid.

[Council to Treasurer of the Eastern Shore.]

We wrote you on the 2^{d} Instant to transmit to us a List of all the Collectors on your Shore who appeared to be in Arrears with the State, as we have not received it, we request you to forward it immediately, that the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 1st Instant may be carried into Execution and the Collectors com-

pelled to pay in their respective Balances. We also request you to send to the Treasurer of this Shore any Money or Tobacco you may have received for the State. February 27 Liber No. 78 p. 72

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Martin two pounds eleven shillings and eleven pence of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and six pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud. p. 50

That the said Treasurer pay to Elijah Roboscon seven pounds ten shilings of the same Emission in lieu of three hundred Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud^{r} Gen^{l}

That the Armour deliver to Lieutenant John Chever thirty six rounds Musket Cartridges & Six rounds for four pounders.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Major John Eccleston of the 5th Regiment nineteen pounds four shillings and nine pence of the new Emission in lieu of seven hundred and sixty nine pounds ten shillings due him for Stores per Account passed by the Auditor p. 51

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Thomas Rouse of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} nineteen pounds, four shillings and nine pence of the same Emission in lieu of seven hundred and sixty nine pounds ten shillings due him for stores per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud. and also the further sum of Fifty pounds of the same Emission agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 5th Jan^{y} last on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Major John Eccleston and Lieut. Thomas Rouse each twenty four Gallons of Rum and ninety six pounds of sugar due them for the last year, and also to Thomas Fitzgerald and Gerard Murphy lately deserted from the British rations until one of the State Boats returns.

That the Commissary of stores deliver to Lieut. Thomas Rouse Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts due him for the year 1780 and also to John Morrison a Drummer of the 1st Regim^{t} one hat, one pair Overalls one Vest, two shirts two pair Stockings, one pair Shoes, one Blanket and one knapsack due him for the present year.

Warrant issued, directed to Donaldson Yates Esquire Dep^{y} Q Master Gen^{l} to impress what Carriages Teams and Drivers may be necessary for removing the Cannon Stores, Baggage &^{ca} belonging to the Detachment under the Command of the Marquise De la Fayette across from Christiana to the Head of Elk and also all Vessels, hands &^{ca} that are at Elk or else where which may be necessary.

Warrants issued, directed to John Bullen Esquire to impress all the Vessels with their hands &^{ca} in the River severn, to proceed with

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all possible Dispatch to the Head of Elk to receive the Marquis De la Fayettes Detachment with their Baggage and also to James Calhoun Esquire to impress all the Vessels in Baltimore for the purpose aforesaid.

On the application of John Dorsey & C° to carry Provision to Virginia there to be delivered to the use of the French or American Troops, Permission will be granted on giving Bond and security as may be required.

Ordered that the Issuing Commissary furnish all the water Casks he can procure or so many as may be necessary to supply the Vessels impressed in this Harbour for the purpose of transporting Troops.

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[Council to Mr. Donaldson Yeates.]

We just received yours of the 27th by Mr Wright and have dispatched one of our fast sailing Boats with the Letters, and have p. 73 impowered and requested Mr Calhoun to have all the Vessels at Baltimore Town immediately impressed and sent to the Head of Elk in some of which you will receive six hundred Barrels of Bread and what Salt Provison Mr Calhoun can procure in Baltimore. We have enclosed you a Warrant to impress what Carriage Teams and Drivers you may think necessary for removing the Cannon and Stores across from Christeen we have ordered all Vessels from this Place and Baltimore to be impressed for that Service and we have added a Power in the Warrant for you or your Deputy to impress any others which you can obtain.

Ibid.

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.]

It is indispensably necessary that all the Vessels at Baltimore with their Hands should be instantly impressed and sent to the Head of Elk to transport a Detachment of fifteen hundred Troops under the Command of the Marquis De La Fait with their Artillery Baggage &ca from thence to Virginia, and we do therefore hereby empower and request you to have them impressed and forwarded immediately for the above Purpose To prevent any Dissatisfaction that might otherwise arise from this Measure, you may intimate the absolute Necessity of it to the Owners and inform them full Compensation will be made for the use of their Vessels and in Case of Loss they will be indemnified. And it is necessary to Supply the Troops with Provisions, we desire you to apply to Mr Donellan for six hundred Barrels of Bread to be sent to Elk in the impressed Vessels. We believe Mr Donellan has that Quantity and more ready, but should it happen otherwise, We request you to apply to Mr Smith for as much as will make up the Deficiency. He offered a Quantity to us some Time ago and what we want we will take upon the Terms he offered and we hope and expect that if it should be wanted he will let

you have it at this pressing Occasion. You will also send what Salt Provision you have or that may be in the Possession of M^r^ Donellan to be delivered to M^r^ Yeates at the Head of Elk. To carry this Business into immediate Execution, if it should be necessary we request you to apply to General Gist or the commanding Officer in Baltimore for his Assistance, who we have no Doubt will furnish such Guard as may be requisite

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[Council to Col. Hollingsworth.]

Ibid.

We received your Letter of the 27^th^ by M^r^ Wright and request you to procure and furnish what flesh and bread Provisions may be necessary for the Detachment under the Command of the Marquis De La Fayette, and think you should purchase what fat Cattle there are in your Neighbourhood, and may engage to pay hard Money for them or the Value in paper Money at the Time of Payment. It is our earnest Desire that you should afford M^r^ Yeates every Assistance in your Power on this very urgent Occasion.

[Council to Joshua Beall Esqr.]

Ibid.

We have received your Letter of the 27^th^ past and have appointed M^r^ Joseph Walker to receive and provide for such Recruits as may be raised in Prince George's County.

[Council Circular to the Naval Officers.]

Ibid.

Enclosed you have blank Registers signed and sealed by the Governor, which are sent to you pursuant to the Act of the General Assembly which is also enclosed, that you may act agreeable thereto.

[Council to Commissioner of the Tax for Prince George's County.] Ibid.

We received your Favor of the 23^rd^ Instant, and have sent an Extract of the Supplement to the Act to raise the supplies for the year 1781 which will give you full Information on the Subject of your Letter.

Thursday 1^st^ March 1781

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Ens. Jacob Crawford of the 2^d^ Regim^t^ six pounds eight shillings and three pence of the new Emission in lieu of two hundred and fifty six pounds ten shillings due him for stores per Acc^t^ passed D. A.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Cockey two hundred and thirty three pounds, one shilling and ten pence half penny of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Adam Ribb nineteen pounds thirteen shillings & nine pence of the same Emission due him per Acc^t^ passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

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That the said Treasurer pay to John King twenty eight pounds six shillings of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Michael Boyer Twenty seven pounds, fourteen shillings and three pence of the new Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud[r] Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esquire three hundred pounds of the same Emission on Account of his Salary.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brewer sixty eight pounds six shillings and ten pence half penny of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun[r] Two hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission on Account of his Salary.

That the said Treasurer pay to Zephaniah Turner, ninety three pounds fifteen shillings on Account of his Salary.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro thirty three pounds fifteen shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Ens. Jacob Crawford eight Gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of Sugar due to the mo. of Feb[ry] inclusive

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to George Field of the 3[rd] Regim[t] one shirt and one pair of shoes. Peter Byall of 1[st] Regim[t] one shirt. John Gorman of the same Regim[t] one vest, one pair Overalls & one shirt. Charles Cooper of the 2[nd] Regim[t] one suit of Cloaths William Brown of the same Regim[t] one suit of Cloaths. John Carroll of the same Regim[t] one suit of Cloaths. Charles Alexander Alias Roberts a Recruit one suit of Cloaths. Francis Rogers Extra Regim[t] one shirt John Blades of the 2[nd] Regim[t] one shirt one pair of shoes and one pair Overalls. John Armstrong of the 5[th] Regim[t] & John Biggs a Recruit each, a suit of Cloaths and John Predie one Coat, one shirt and one pair of shoes. Capt. Charles Baltzel, Lieut David Morgan, and Alexander Smith Surgeons Mate of the German Regiment each, Cloth and Trimming for two suits of Cloaths and Linen for six shirts in full for the year 1780 & in part for the year 1781 and also to Captain Michael Boyer of the same Regiment Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts in part of the Articles for the prest. year.

Joseph Walker appointed to receive and provide for such recruits as may be raised in Prince Georges County.

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[Council to Ignatius Taylor.]

Being informed that you cannot get Vessels to transport the Flour in your Care to this Place or to Baltimore, We therefore desire you will deliver it to M[r] John Dorsey or his Order who has engaged to procure Vessels and to transport it to Baltimore.

[Council to Joseph Walker Esqr.] March 1 Liber No. 78 p. 75

We have appointed you to receive and provide Quarters and Necessaries for such recruits as may be raised and passed by the Lieutenant of your County in Virtue of the Act to procure Recruits whom you will forward to such place of Rendezvous as we may hereafter direct, what Provision is necessary for the Subsistence of the Recruits will be furnished by M^{r} Brookes Commissary of your County.

[Council to General Gist.] Ibid.

We have received your Letter of the 27th Feb. and very much approve of your Conduct in furnishing the Vessels in the Port of Baltimore. You will have known before this gets to your Hands of our having sent a warrant for that Purpose to M^{r} Calhoun, and to provide Bread Provisions and every Thing within his Power to forward this most important Expedition. With regard to Cloathing we will supply you with one hundred shirts one hundred overalls and one hundred Vests which are all we have at present in our Power; and you will send enclosed an Order on M^{r} Keeports for such Arms and Accoutrements as you may want and he can furnish you with. There is no Cloths in the Hands of the Taylors sufficient to make 340 Coats and we do expect by Saturday next or Monday at farthest 100 will be ready

[Council to Hercules Courtenay, Esqr.] Ibid. p. 76

Your Letter of the 20th Feb. Ul^{t} we received and agree to take the Cloths and Stockings on the Terms proposed therein and request you have them made up ready to be delivered

[Council to Commissioners of the Tax who had not made Returns: Calvert, Charles, Washington, Harford, Prince George's and Frederick Counties] Ibid.

We are requested by the General Assembly to direct Suits to be commenced against those Collectors and their Securities who should not pay their respective Balances into the Treasury by the Twentieth Day of last Month and upon Application to the Treasurer we are much surprised to be informed that you have not made a Return of the Amount of the Assessment in Money and Tobacco in your County. This must be done before Suits can be brought and therefore request you to make your Return immediately.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut. George Jacob of the sixth Regim^{t} twelve pounds Seven shillings and two

March 2 pence of the new Emission due him per Account passed by the
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p. 52 That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Miles eleven pounds five shillings of the same Emission in lieu of four hundred and fifty pounds due him per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Chever of the Artillery three pounds, four shillings and one penny half penny of the same Emission in lieu of one hundred and twenty eight pounds five shillings due him per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut George Jacob, ten Gallons of Rum & forty pounds of sugar & to L[t] John Chever two Gall[s] Rum & eight pounds of sugar due to the 1[st] Instant

p. 53 Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Clancy of the first Regiment and Serjeant Ignatius Wheeler of the 7[th] Regim[t] each, one shirt, and also to Peregrine Fitzhugh Cornet of Baylors Horse one suit of Cloaths & Linen for 2 shirts.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Major Edward Giles of the Regiment Extra nine hundred and fifty eight pounds, nineteen shillings and nine pence of the new Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Charles Greenbury Griffith Esquire Lieutenant of Montgomery County Militia resigns his Commission and John Murdock Esq[r] is appointed Lieutenant of the same County in his Stead.

David Poe directed to impress Vessels, Waggons &[ca] to facilitate the Transportation of the Troops under the Command of the Marquiss De la Fayette from the Head of Elk to Virginia.

In Virtue of the " Act to Regulate Auctions " the following persons are appointed auctioners.

Ann Arundel County	James Tootell
Calvert County,	Pat Sim Smith
Talbot	Woolman Gibson
Kent	Alexander Stewart
Cecil	Baruch Williams
Dorchester	Skinner Ennalls
St. Marys	Joseph Ford
Montgomery	Thos. Beall of Geo.
Prince Georges	Joseph Walker
Caroline	Joseph Richardson
Queen Anns	Philip Fiddeman
Harford	Alexander Cowan
Frederick	Moñjoy Bayley
Charles	Richard Douglass
Washington	Elie Williams

[Council to David Poe.]

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There is an immediate Necessity for impressing and Securing as many Vessels for the Transportation of the Troops and Baggage from the Head of Elk on the present important Expedition as can be procured that are fit for the Purpose; also of such waggons Teams and Drivers as may be wanted. You will therefore without Delay impress all such Vessels with their Furniture and Hands, and as many waggons Teams and Drivers as may be found requisite and give every other Assistance in your Power

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

Ibid.

We received your Favor of the 1st Instant. It is our desire that five or six Barrels of the best fine white Biscuit should be immediately baked or procured for the use of the Marquis and his Family. If the Vessels impressed at Baltimore to transport the Troops should sail before the Biscuit can be got ready, we would have it sent here. We shall in Future Trouble you to impress Vessels and Carriages, indeed we only expected that you would direct the proper Officer to do it. We are well assured that Cornwallis is retreating and that General p. 77
Greene is pursuing him. The Militia of Virginia have turned out in great Numbers and with great Alacrity. They have surpassed the Expectations of the most sanguine. It is said General Green is much Stronger than Cornwallis and the Baron Steubend who was intended to reinforce General Green has received Order from him not to join him, but to gain a Pass on the Part to Wilmington in Case Cornwallis should bend his Course that way. It is also said that Col Lee has got round Cornwallis and is animating the Militia.

[Council to Mr. William McLaughlin.]

Ibid.

The Information you have relative to your Bond being put in Suit, as mentioned in your Letter is wrong; in making out the Order for the Attorney General, your Name was omitted for the Reasons you have assigned

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Dennis Larey of the Regimt Extra one shirt and one pair of overalls John Hicken of the same Regiment one shirt and one pair of Stockings. Thomas Gordan a Recruit, one suit of Cloaths & one Blanket the Bounty allowed by the Act of Assembly. Serjeant John Walker of the Regimt Extra, one Jacket and one Shirt. Thomas Beaver of the same Regt one shirt. John Barker, John Butler, John Cooper, Elisha Huff, of the same Regimt each, one shirt and one Jacket. George Plumbley of the same Regimt one Jacket and two shirts. William

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Chatland 2nd Regt one shirt. Joseph Botts of the 7th Regimt one shirt James Shaw of the 2nd Regimt one Coat, one Jacket, one pair Breeches & one shirt, Jonathan Lewis of the 1st Regimt 2 shirts and Bauer Wibb and Frederick James of the Extra Regimt each, one shirt.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Captain Shepard six water Casks and four Days provisions for eight hands to be accounted for.

Williams Wilkins Esquire is appointed Commissioner to settle and adjust the Accounts of the Troops of this State in the service of the United States in the room of Zephaniah Turner Esqr resigned

Having good reason to believe that Overton Carr and Garland Callis Inhabitants of Prince Georges County by their general Conduct and Conversation encourages and spreads Dissatisfaction and Disaffection amongst the Subjects of this State and that the Example and Influence of the said Overton Carr and Garland Callis is prejudicial to the State. The Lieutenant of Prince Georges County was ordered to arrest the said Overton Carr and Garland Callis and seize all their papers and bring them together with their papers before the Board that they might be dealt with according to Law

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[Council to Joshua Beall, Esq.]

Enclosed are two warrants which you are desired and requested to execute immediately and send the Persons with their Papers to this Board.

Ibid.

[Council to Lieutenant Cheveer.]

Every Vessel adequate to the Service intended, which have been impressed, we require you to take immediately to the Head of Elk, to which Place they are to proceed with all possible Dispatch when they arrive there they are to be under the Directions of the Deputy Quarter Master General for this State.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt. John Pitt.]

You are to proceed down the Bay with all possible Dispatch as far as Hampton Road, if you can without great Hazard, and when you arrive there you are to make very particular Inquiry respecting
p. 78 the French Fleet, whether they are in the Bay and if in the Bay where sationed, if not in the Bay whether they are cruising off the Capes and of what Number they consist; how many Ships of the Line; how many Frigates and how many Transports and in what Manner they are supplied with Provisions; as soon as you obtain full and precise Information you are to return and make your Report to this Board. If you fall in with Capt. William Middleton you must desire him to return and communicate what Intelligence he has been able to collect.

[Council to Marquis Fayette.]

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We have the Honor to transmit the enclosed Letter; this Moment received from Col. Gouvins [De Gouvion]. We have ordered all the Vessels at Baltimore and in this Port to be impressed and sent to the Head of Elk to transport the Detachment under your Command, and have directed six hundred Barrels of Bread to be forwarded in them. This State will most chearfully make every Exertion to give Force and Efficacy to the present important Expedition by every Measure in our Power.

Monday 5th March 1781.

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Col° Henry Hollingsworth appointed in Cecil and John Chalmers in Ann Arun[l] Counties to seize Provision of the meat kind not exceedin[g] 15000[lb] in each County for the Detachment of Troops under the Command of the Marquis De la Fayette.

Warrant issued directed to Stephen Steward Esq[r] to impress all Vessels in West river and Herring Bay for the purpose of Transporting the above ment[d] Detachment from the Head of Elk to Virginia.

Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Samuel Howard, James White and Godstow Sterbeck prisoners on their way to Boston each, three Days provisions. Lieut Col° Ramsey twenty eight Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twelve pounds of sugar due him to the first of February inclusive Col° Uriah Forrest thirty two pounds of Sugar due him to the month of Feb[ry] inclusive and also to Capt. Jonathan Sellman of the 4th Regim[t] six Gallons of Rum and twenty four pounds of Sugar due him to the 1st Instant.

That the Armourer deliver to Capt. Joseph Middleton twelve rounds of powder for swivels.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty eighteen pounds, ten shillings for the use of Richard Haff, seventeen pounds, thirteen shillings and ten pence for the use of Captain Anthony Stock, six pounds, nine shillings and four pence half penny for the use of Charles Bayleys, sixteen shillings and ten pence half penny for the use of George Beall, one pound and three pence for the use of John Gauff and sixteen pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence of the new Emission due himself per Acc[ts] passed by the D. Aud[r]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Col° Nathaniel Ramsey Twenty two pounds eight shillings and ten pence of the same Emission for Stores per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Jonathan Sellman four pounds sixteen shillings and two pence of the same Emission due him for stores per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the Commissary of stores deliver to L[t] Col° Nath[l] Ramsey Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts

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for the present year. and also to Capt David Lynn of the 7 Regt a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts in part of the Articles for the year 1781.

On Considering the Charge against Thomas Wall and the Proof adduced in Support thereof as well as the Defence made by the said Thomas Wall to exculpate himself therefrom. Ordered that the said Thomas Wall leave Frederick County in a reasonable time after his wife is delivered of the Child with which she is now pregnant not exceeding thirty Days, that in the mean time the said Thomas Wall remain in Frederick Town and that the said Thomas Wall do not return to Frederick County after his removal therefrom without the leave of this Board first obtained

Ordered that the said Thomas Wall give Bond with one good security in the penalty of Five hundred pounds to comply with the above order.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colo Adams fifty pair of shoes

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[Council to Stephen Steward, Esqr.]

The Marquis La Fayette with fifteen hundred men from the main Army are now at the Head of Elk and are intended to be transported down the Bay upon a most important Expedition which are retarded for the want of Vessels and meat Provisions we most earnestly request your Assistance on this Emergency and beg you will exert yourself in forwarding any Vessel you can procure fit for transporting Troops, and if you have any meat Provisions that you will sell or lend and collect all you possibly can, by Purchase or otherwise, to do this you will send to all those people who you may think have Beef on the Hoof. The Vessels to be sent immediately to the Head of Elk, the Salt Meat, if any to be sent and the Beef on Hoof to be drove or if those who have Beef will not sell it on the Hoof, you will hire waggons &ca to bring it immediately to this Place We enclose you a Warrant for impressing Vessels their Hands Rigging &ca

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[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

We request to furnish Mr Chase with one hundred and twenty Barrels of Flour, which is to be replaced when demanded. If you have not as much in you Possession you will draw on Mr Donallan for it.

Ibid.

[Council to General Gist.]

Your's of yesterday is received. Upon so pressing and important an Occasion as the present, we have no Doubt but the Merchants of Baltimore have chearfully consented to let their Sea Vessels go for the Purpose of transporting the Troops from the Head of Elk and in protecting them on their way down; should they not have con-

sented to let their Vessels go, we think their Vessels with their Hands ought to be impressed and request of you to have it done on such an Event March 5 Liber No. 78 p. 79

[Council to James McHenry, Esqr.] Ibid.

Yours of the 3d and 4th Instant, we have received, we shall use every Means in our Power to furnish and forward the necessary Vessels. We have already impressed and sent forward every one from this Harbour. Skows and small Vessels for loading the Cannon and Troops cannot be had here, but we trust a sufficient Number may be obtained in Baltimore. All our Boats proper for conveying Intelligence are this Time employed in that way, except Capt Steward which is this Moment setting off for the Marquis's Orders.

[Council to Capt. Keeports.] Ibid.

We request you to call on Mr Hercules Courtenay for ten Pieces containing 256 yards of blue Cloth and 132 Pair of yarn Hose, purchased of him and have them sent to this Place by the first Safe Conveyance

[Council to The Honble Major General Marquis De la Fayette.] Ibid. p. 80

We had the Honor of addressing you on the third Instant since which we are favored with yours of the same Date. We are fully impressed with the Advantages which the States in general and Maryland in particular will derive from the success of the Expedition which you have the Conduct of, and truly lament the Difficulties which have occurred. We however flatter ourselves the Movement of your Detachment will not be much retarded on that Score, as the wind has been so favorable for some Time past as to give a Number of Vessels impressed in this Port and Baltimore Town an opportunity of getting to the Head of Elk. We beg leave to renew the Assurances already given that every Execution in the Power of this State shall be chearfully made to remove the Difficulties you may apprehend in transporting the Troops down the Bay. It will give us the highest Pleasure to have any share of the Accomplishment of your Projects attributed to the Exertions of Maryland. We have prepared a Dispatch Boat to convey your Letter to the Commanding officer near Portsmouth which will be sent off as soon as the winds will permit and have given Directions to the Master to throw it over Board if he should be in Danger of being taken.

[Council to Mr. Thos. Beatty.] Ibid.

You will deliver to George Murdock Esqr all the Flour and Grain in your Hands as Commissioner of Frederick County taking his receipt for the same

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[Council to George Murdock, Esqr.]

M^r Thomas Beatty informs us he has in his Possession as one of the Commissioners appointed under the Act for the immediate Supply &^ca about seventy Barrells of Flour and five hundred Bushels of Rye which we directed him to deliver to you to be issued out to the Convention Troops at Frederick Town. It is out of our Power to Supply you with Money at this Time.

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Tuesday 6^th March 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty five pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the new Emission p^r Acc^t passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^r James Murray two hundred pounds of the same Emission on Account.

An Agreement made this fifth day of March one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one Between the Governor and Council in Behalf of the State of Maryland and Stephen Steward and Company.

That the said Stephen Steward and Company have this Day chartered to the Governor and Council in behalf of the State of Maryland the Sloop Porpoise Captain William Weems, to carry a load of flour from the Port of Baltimore to the City of Havana for the Freight of one half of the Cargo of Flour laden on board the said Sloop Porpoise and the said Stephen Steward and Company agree to take on board the said Sloop the load of Flour free of all Charges (any duty hereafter to be imposed on the export of Flour excepted) and pay all port Charges at the Port of Delivery and to take on board such Goods or Merchandize from the wharves or Landing places at the City of Havana aforesaid as shall be ordered by the Governor and Council to fill one half of the said Sloop which Goods are to be delivered in the State of Maryland free of Freight or other Charges (the Duty on Imports excepted) and the Governor and Council agree to give the said Stephen Steward and Company five per Cent Commission on the Cost of the said Sloop for purchasing the same, the amount of which Cargo shall be paid by the Governor and Council in behalf of the State of Maryland as soon as may be convenient and the said Stephen Steward & Co agree and engage to have the said Sloop well found manned and armed for such Voyage and in case the said Sloop during the said Voyage shall take any Prize the State shall be entitled to one third of any Prize money received by the Owners of the said Sloop.

James Brice, Presid^t of the Council
Stephen Steward & C°

This Board having agreed with the Owners of the Porpoise to Charter her on the Terms heretofore agreed on to carry a Load of

Flour to the Havana We hereby Permit and request the Naval Officer of the fourth District to clear her out on Condition that she be subject to the orders of this Board as to the time of her sailing. March 6 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 55

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Ordered that the eastern shore Treasurer pay to Clement Holliday ninety three pounds of the new Emission on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to James Dew of the 5 Regt & Jesse Power of the extra Regimt each one shirt and also to Captain William Wilmot of the 3d Regiment and Lieut Robert Wilmot of the Artillery each, Linen for two shirts due them for the year 1780.

That the Armourer deliver to Serjeant Nicholson thirty six pounds of Musket Cartridges & nine muskets

[Council to Mr Thomas Beale.] March 7 Liber No. 78 p. 81

Whenever a Detachment of continental Troops are obliged to remain in George Town, and are without Provisions and Forage we think it necessary that you should supply them with so much as will serve them until they can march to the next Place where Provisions are regularly issued. We think the Provisions ought to be returned to William Dent agreeable to the General Morgans Order and request you to deliver what may be due him after deducting the Quantity he has received; but as it may be attended with Inconvenience to deliver the whole immediately, you will deliver it to him at different Periods most convenient to yourself and as he may want it.

[Council to Daniel Hughes, Esqr.] Ibid.

The Return of Capt. Harrison from Captivity gives us Opportunity of exchanging Whitehead late Commander of the Active for Capt. Alexander Murry who was taken some Time last year in an armed Brig and permitted to return hither on Parole. It is much our wish to serve Capt. Murray on this Occassion and therefore request you will take the speediest Method of effecting his Exchange.

[Council to Capt. Alexander Murray.] Ibid.

It will give us Pleasure to promote your Exchange and to that Purpose, we have written to Mr Hughes Commissary of Prisoners for this State to accomplish it in the most expeditious Manner. Whitehead late Commander of the Active is proposed, the Mode the Commissary alone will determine, the Rank we apprehend will apply as he commanded a private armed Vessel and yours came within that Description. It is however advisable that you consult Mr Hughes

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p. 82 [Council to Governor of Virginia.]

The Marquis Fayette has requested this State to furnish armed Vessels for the Protection of the Transports and Troops under his Command, and destined for the Expedition against the Enemy at Portsmouth. We have only been able to procure a Brig of fourteen four Pounders and a Schooner of eight three Pounders, and a Sloop loaded and bound to Sea, of ten three Pounders. From various Accounts we are apprehensive this Force is inferiour to the Enemies Privateers in the Bay. We have wrote to the Commander of the Ships of our Ally at the Capes and if he cannot spare one of his Vessels to convey the Marquis, you will see the Necessity of your States immediately procuring a Force which in Conjunction with ours, would certainly be superiour to the Enemies Cruisers. The Marquis with the Troops Cannon and Stores are now at the Head of Elk. We have impressed and sent to him every Vessel at Baltimore and this Place and fear they will not be sufficient. The Marquis has requested us to procure Boats to land the Cannon and Troops, which will not be in our Power but we hope you will be [able to] obtain any Number he may want. General Wayne with a second Detachment from the Pensylvania Line is soon expected at the Head of Elk, and he is to join the Marquis as soon as Vessels can be procured to transport him to Portsmouth. We have therefore thought proper to give you this Information, and at the same Time beg Leave to suggest the Propriety of your Strengthening the Convoy.

Ibid. [Council to]

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Ibid. [Council to Officer Commanding the Vessels in this Harbour.]
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We request you to order all the Vessels in this Harbour, which are to be under your Command, to proceed immediately and without Delay to the Head of Elk, no Time must be lost, Provisions and every Thing necessary must be immediately drawn; you will keep one or

two of the swift sailing Vessels constantly before and behind to prevent any of the others running away. March 7 Liber No. 78 p. 83

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.] Ibid.

We request you to forward three hundred Barrels of Bread (besides the 600 heretofore ordered) to the Head of Elk for the Troops under the Marquis, you will apply to M^r^ Donellan and if he has not that Quantity ready, you can [obtain] what may be wanting of William Smith Esq^r^ either by Loan or Purchase.

[Council to Col Hollingsworth.] Ibid.

Finding it impracticable to procure an immediate Supply of Provision of the Meat kind to carry into Effect the present important expedition without the Exertion of the extraordinary Powers with which we are invested and having been informed that the Object of the Expedition will in all Probability be frustrated unless every Assistance is instantly afforded to enable the Detachment to move forward, We do therefore upon this Emergency authorise and earnestly request you to seize or cause to be seized 15000 of Flesh Provisions Salt and fresh being a Proportion of what is necessary for the Consumption of a Detachment of 1500 Men from the main Army under the Marquis De la Fayette going on an expedition against General Arnold; such a Quantity of Flesh Proportions Salt and fresh as will be necessary for the Consumption of 1500 Men for thirty Days. If the Owners of the Beaves prefer keeping the fifth Quarter and will have them immediately killed and the Meat sent to p. 84 this Place, you will consent to it otherwise you will take them on the Hoof and Nothing except the Hide will be returned. You will give Certificates to the Owners expressing the Quantity seized and the Price thereof, if it can with Justice be ascertained at the Time of the Seizure, which shall be paid with Interest. This Business must be done with the utmost Expedition.

[Council to Marquis la Fayette.] Ibid.

We had the Honor to be favored with your Letter of the 5^th^ Instant and most sincerely lament the Delay and Difficulties by which the Troops have been prevented from embarking and wish we could gratify our Inclinations by an immediate removal of every Obstacle we have impressed and sent forward every Vessel in our Power and shall continue forwarding all we can procure until there is a sufficient for Transporting the Troops with their Baggage &^ca^ Skows and Small Boats fit for landing the Cannon and the Detachment cannot be obtained at this Place. We shall order to Elk immediately the three Hundred Barrels of Bread which you require with as a great a Quantity of other Supplies as we can command. The necessary

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Articles for the Artillery and engine Departments are ordered to be purchased, except the Blank which cannot be had in any reasonable Time. Various Accounts received within two or three Days of the strength of the Enemy's Crusiers in the Bay induce us to think the Convoy you may procure from this State will be inadequate to the purpose of giving the desired Protection, under such Circumstances we beg Leave to suggest the Propriety of strengthening the Convoy, we have written on this Subject to the Governor of Virginia and the Commander of his most Christian Majesty's Ships in Chesepeak We are discouraged from attempting to aid you with the Militia of this State from the strongest Impressions of the Impracticability of drawing a large Body speedily to a Point for Embarkation, the Difficulty of procuring Provisions for their Subsistence and Vessels to transport them.

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[Council Circular to the Commissaries of the Eastern Shore except Cecil.]

Finding it impracticable to procure an immediate Supply of Provisions of the meat kind to carry into Effect the present important Expedition without the Exerton of the extraordinary Powers with which we are invested, and being informed that the object of the Expedition will in all Probability be frustrated unless every Assistance is instantly afforded to enable the Detachment of fifteen hundred under the Marquis de la Fayette to move forward, we do therefore upon this Emergency authorise and earnestly request you to Seize or cause to be seized, such a Quantity of fresh and salt Provisions not exceeding being a Proportion of what is necessary for the Consumption for thirty Days of the above mentioned fifteen hundred Men from the main Army, going on an Expedition against Arnold. You will give Certificates to the Owners expressing the Quantity seized and the Price thereof, if it can with Justice be ascertained at the Time of Seizure, which shall be paid with six ℔ Cent Interest. This Business must be done with the utmost Dispatch As the General Assembly have directed us to remove all the Stock from the several Islands within this State below Hoopers Streights and between the sound and the Bay. We request you to Seize all the Beef on any of those Islands within your County fit for the above purpose. We hope you will meet with no Difficulty in procuring Vessels to transport the Provisions hereby requested, but to avoid Delay you have a Warrant enclosed which may be made use of eventually.

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Thursday 8th March 1781

Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Ens. John Boone of the 1st Regt four Gallons of Rum & sixteen pounds of Sugar due to Febry inclusive.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Chalmers two thousand Pounds to be expended in purchasing Provisions of the Marquis De la Fayette and to be by him accounted for. March 8 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 56

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. John Boone of the 1st Regt four pounds sixteen shillings and twe pence of the new Emission due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jubb Fowler Twenty six pounds and ten pence of the same Emission on Account of his Salary to 6th Inst.

The Commissaries of Purchases for the Eastern shore (except Cecil County, and also the Commissaries of Frederick, Washington and Prince Georges Counties are authorized and requested to seize or caused to be seized such Quantities of Fresh and Salt provisions as are Specified in a Letter from this Board to the said Commissaries of the 7th Inst. for the use of the Detachment under the Command of the Marquis de la Fayette and also to impress a sufficient number of Vessels with their Hands &ca Waggons or other Carriages with their Teams and Drivers to Transport what Provisions they may obtain as aforesaid to such place as shall hereafter be directed.

Friday 9th March 1781

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Taylor of the 1st Regimt one suit of Cloaths & to Serjt Philson of the 7th Regt one shirt. March 9 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 56

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. Robert Halkerston of the 3d Regimt sixteen pounds, and seven pence half penny of the new Emission due him for stores per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ensign Mark McPherson of the 1st Regimt nine pounds, twelve shillings and four pence half penny of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. Henry Clements of the 3d Regt Three pounds four shillings and one penny half penny of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Ens. Robert Halkerston twenty Gallons of Rum and eighty pounds of sugar due him to the 26 Feby Ensign Mark McPherson twelve Gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of Sugar and also to Ens. Henry Clements four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of Sugar due them to the 1st Instant.

Permission is hereby granted to lade on board the Schooner Salley of the burthen of twelve Tons or thereabouts belonging to Samuel Maynard & William Allein a Cargo of Flour, Bread, Beef, Hogs, Sheep, Poultry, Brandy, Cider & Vegetables and the same to clear out and transport in her to and for the use of the fleet of his most Christian Majesty in the Chesapeak and the American Army in

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Virginia the Captain of the said Schooner previous to his Loading on board any of the said Articles, giving Bond payable to the State in the penalty of one thousand Pounds Specie Conditioned that if the said Cargo shall be delivered on board the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty or to the American Army in Virginia the Danger of the Seas and Enemy only excepted and shall within four Months of the Date of such Bond produce to the Governor and Council of this State a Certificate under the hand of a Captain or Commanding Officer of some one of the Ships of War of the said Fleet or of some officer of higher Rank or of some principal Officer in the American Army aforesaid of such delivery, then such Bond to be void else of full force, and the Captain of the said Schooner also making Oath before the Naval Officer who shall Clear out the said Vessel, at or before the time of her clearing out that he will use his utmost endeavour to prevent the said Cargo or any part thereof falling into the hands of the Enemy and will deliver the same if in his power aggreeably to this Licence.

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[Council to Marquis De la Fayette.]

We have the Honor of your Letter of the 6th Current and you may rest assured Sir that any Dispatch that comes to our Hands for you shall be instantly forwarded. The heavy Cannon which you request shall be furnished from this Place but the Carriages are out of repair and we think unfit for service General Gist has promised to order the three hundred Round of Powder and Ball necessary for them from Baltimore

Ibid.

[Council to Patrick Sim Smith, Esqr.]

Yours of the 8th Instant we have received. It is not in our Power to supply you with Money as we cannot demand the Sum you require, but as the Collectors are called on to pay in their Collections immediately we shall be enabled to comply with your Request in a few Days, in the mean Time we wish you to procure by Purchase or Loan as much Salt as you think necessary for securing the meat Provision which shall be returned or paid for in a short Time. It is not necessary at this Time to send forward the Meat to Frederick Town, you will therefore wait our further Directions thereon. The Appointment of Auctioneer for Charles County accompanies this

Ibid.

[Council to John Dorsey and Company.]

We are in want of Sugar to supply the Army, and request you will immediately send to this Place our full Proportion of the Foxes Cargoe. We have been much disappointed in not having our former requests to this purpose, attended to and flatter ourselves it will not be the Case hereafter.

[Council to Marquis La Fayette.]

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We have authentic Information from one of our Delegates in Congress that the French Ships which were in Chesepeak Bay arrived at New Port Rhode Island on the 24th Ult. of which we make no Doubt you have been apprised. We think it necessary to communicate to you the Intelligence we have received of the Force of the Enemies Privateers in the Bay, we are informed and from Authority we cannot Doubt that there is a Brigg of 16 Guns a Schooner of 12 Guns and two Sloops of 8 Guns each cruising together on the 6th Instant in Annemessex River in our Bay.

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Gabriel Williams of the 7th Regiment and Serjt Fenwick of the 4th Regimt each a suit of Cloaths and also to Ensign Robert Halkerston of the 3d Regt one suit of Cloaths and two shirts for the year 1781.

That the Armourer deliver to Doctr James Murray two quire Cartridge paper to secure the Medecine in the State Shop and also to Capt. William Middleton of the Dolphin in the service of the Continent Transporting the Detachment of Troops under the Command of the Marquis La Fayette thirty pound Cannon & six pound Muskt Powder

[Council to Colonel George Dashiel.]

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The Arrival of the Marquis de la Fayette at this Place, at the same Time the Messenger and your letter arrived, has necessarily occasioned his being detained, and as the Information you gave materially concerned the Marquis's Expedition down the Bay your Letter was given to him to copy out that Information and unfortunately he has taken it with him, so that we cannot particularly answer it. The Assembly ordered a Proportion of Canon Arms and Ammunition for the Eastern Shore, your Part of which has accordingly been sent to Cambridge. Your Messenger mentions some Pieces of Cannon lately found in a Marsh in your County, if those could be procured and fitted they might we think be of Service in your Defence; and if you want Shott or Powder it is probable you may be supplied out of the Proportion sent to Cambridge. We approve of your drawing out your Militia to oppose the Enemy and make no Doubt you will pursue the most effectual Measures for opposing them.

We have some Reason to expect that Circumstances may soon happen that may greatly contribute to free you from the Enemy's Depredations; but in the mean Time you should relax nothing in your Preparations.

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[Council to Col. Hooper.]

We received your Letter at a Time that we were very busily employed with the Marquis de la Fayette, and to whom it was delivered to extract the Intelligence as material to his Expedition down the Bay. He has unluckily carried it with him so that we cannot answer it particularly, and we had nearly the same Intelligence from Col. Dashiel the Lieutenant of Somerset to whom we have wrote more fully. We doubt not your every Exertion to repel the Enemy and we have reason to hope the Time is not far off when they may be compelled to retreat and look to their own Safety, mean Time you will continue your Vigilance

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Archibald Johnson of the 1st Regimt one suit of Cloaths and two shirts. Edward Timms of the same Regiment two shirts and one pair of shoes. John Gorman of the same Regimt and John Lindsey of ditto, each one shirt and one pair of Overalls. William Roberts of the same Regiment one shirt and one pair of shoes. Peter Byatt of the same Regimt one pair of Overalls. William Broton of the 6th Regimt one pair Overalls & one shirt. William Browning of the 2nd Regimt one Shirt and also to Capt Edward Pratt of the 1st Regimt one suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts in part of the Articles for the present year.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Hannah May one Pound seventeen shillings and six pence of the new Emission due her per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Edward Pratt Twenty two pounds eight shillings and ten pence half penny of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Issabell two pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence half penny of the same Emission due her per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway one hundred and fifty Pounds of the same Emission on Account of his Salary.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Johnson six Pounds eleven shillings and three pence of the same Emission due him ꝑ Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct. Nathan Brownson Purveyor General of the Hospitals of the Southern Department one hundred Pounds two hundred Pounds three hundred pounds and four hundred pounds in part of an order drawn in his favor by Major Gen Greene Commander in Chief in the Southern Department for two thousand pounds Specie agreeable to a Resolution of Congress of June last

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Doct. Nathan Brownson six Boxes of Spanish Sugar for the use of his Department to be charged to the U. States taking a Receipt for the Quantity which is to be lodged with this Board. March 12 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 57

Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Edward Prall of the 1st Regiment Twenty eight Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twelve pounds of Sugar due to the first Instant

Robert Hanson Harrison of Charles County Esquire appointed Chief Judge of the General Court. p. 58

Commmissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Robert Conway Commander of the Schooner Hope Sixty Tons burthen navigated with twenty one Men mounting Six Carriage Guns belonging to William Hunter & others of the State of Virginia and also to John Sanford Commander of the St Patrick forty Tons burthen navigated with eighteen men mounting six Carriage Guns belonging to Richard Conway and others of the State aforesaid.

[Council to Colonel Hooe.]

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We have your Favor of the 9th by Captain Conway and agreeably to your Request the Commissions desired by him have been granted. Enclosed are the Bonds which you will be pleased to have properly executed and returned here

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Hickin & Joseph Points of the Extra Regimt each, one pair of Shoes. John Armstrong of the 5th Regt one Shirt. John Hulet of the 7th Regimt one shirt, one pair Overalls & one Jacket, James Due of the 5th Regiment one pair of Shoes and one waistcoat, and also to William Simmons of the Extra Regimt one Coat, one Jacket one pair Overalls one pair Shoes and two shirts.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Rawlings, two pounds of the new Emission due him per Acct passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Philemon Warfield fifteen pounds three shillings and nine pence of the same Emission due him p Acc. passed by the A Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Christopher Richmond of the 1st Regim. eleven pounds twelve shillings and one penny half penny of the same Emission due him for Stores per Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Abraham Gorman eighteen pounds fifteen shillings of the same Emission due him per Acct passed by the A. Gl

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That the said Treasurer pay to Christian Lybrant sixty nine pounds ten shillings and one penny half penny of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Armourer deliver to Capt Nicholas Martin of the Brig Nesbitt one Barrel of Powder to be accounted

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Christ[o] Richmond fifteen and a half Gallons of Rum, and sixty pounds of Sugar due him to the first Instant.

Commission of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to Nich[s] Martin Commander of the Brig Nesbitt one hundred & twenty five Tons burthen navigated by thirty men, mounting fourteen Carriage Guns and belonging to John Nesbitt and Robert Morris of Philadelphia and Stephen Steward of Maryland.

Permission given to William Smith Esq[r] of this State to take with him Edward Rounds and Ann Stevenson the Children of Henry & Ann Stevenson now in the City of New York, and to Solicit Leave from His Excellency General Washington or the Commanding Officer at the out Posts of the American Army at Elizabeth Town for said Edward Rounds & Ann Stevenson to go into the City of New York

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[Council to Commodore Nicholson.]

We thank you for the Intelligence you have communicated, if any other Disposition of the Vessels in the Harbour are necessary, we request you to make such without consulting us on the Measure, and should you want any of the Boats in the Harbour for Express or Look out Boats, you will immediately order those that you may think proper on that Service, we shall give every Aid in our power to cooperate for the Protection of the Troops and transports, the Cannon shall be ordered to the places you mention but without your Assistance and that of the Commanding Officer of the Detachment we shall not be able to transport and mount them.

Ibid.

[Council to Colonel Hooe.]

We this Moment received Information from M[r] McHenry that two british Sloops of War lie within five or six Miles of the Transports. The Commodore does not apprehend any Danger from these Vessels, but as they may be supported by others of superiour Force. It is deemed advisable that every Precaution should be immediately taken that is necessary for the security of the Troops and Vessels. It has been suggested that great Support may be derived from the Wind Mill Fort if put in repair. This or any other Measure that may be concerted by you in Conjunction with the Commodore we shall acquiesce in and render most chearfully every Assistance in our Power to give Efficacy to it. The Marquis was of opinion if any Attempt should be made by the Enemy against our Vessels two small

Batteries of two eighteen Pounders erected on each Side of the Mouth of Robert's Creek would effectually cover and protect. We have dispatched a fast sailing Boat to the Commodore for the purpose of reconnoitering and gaining Intelligence. March 14 Liber No. 78 p. 88

If any Militia should be necessary to cooperate with your Troops they shall be ordered out as soon as we have such an Information p. 89

[Council to Mr. Donaldson Yeates.] Ibid.

Last Night all the Transports from Elk got into this Harbour and this Morning at Day light two Ships appeared off here and are at Anchor. Measures are taking by mounting Cannon and landing the Troops to oppose any Designs of the Enemy, if they should prove such and securing the Transports and Stores. Commodore Nicholson is gone off to reconnoitre, we expect him to return in an Hour, the Marquis had Intelligence of these Ships and is perhaps pursuing his Journey by Land. Vessels coming down the Bay should be on their Guard since writing the above Commodore Nicholson is returned and informs that they are British Ships, the smallest of eighteen Guns and the largest of twenty eight Guns, they are now under an easy Sail, the smallest Ship is run up the Bay out of Sight, the other following. Their Designs seem to have been to intercept our Transports and Troops, and more perhaps to continue in the Neighbourhood to ravage the Shores and keep the Troops confined in the Harbour.

[Council to His Excellency Samuel Huntington Esqr.] Ibid.

We have the Honor to inform your Excellency that the transport Vessels from the Head of Elk with Troops on Board commanded by the Marquis De la Fayette arrived yesterday Evening in this Harbour, by Day light two ships appeared at Anchor off the Mouth of the River supposed to be the Enemy and their Intention to intercept the Transports. Effectual Measures are taken for their Security. The Vessels supposed to be the Enemy are under way and stretching up the Bay of Chesepeak, we thought it necessary to communicate this Intelligence, and if any Thing material occurs shall immediately transmit it. Since writing the above Commodore Nicholson has returned from reconnoitering the Ships and discovers one of them to be a Sloop of eighteen Guns and the other to be a Frigate of twenty eight, the Commodore supposes they will either continue to block up the Harbour or being disappointed in their original Designs will return to their Stations down the Bay. p. 90

[Council to Major Meriken.] Ibid.

This Day about one a Clock two British Ships of about eighteen and twenty eight Guns passed by this Place, and we are apprehensive

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they may land some Men between this and the Mouth of Patapsco River and plunder the Inhabitants. We wish to have and frequent Intelligence of their Movements and therefore request you will station some Centinels as far as the Bodkin Point to give Information. We hope to hear from you this Night if possible, whether they have come to an Anchor and where. The People should be put on their Guard and keep themselves in Readiness, but perhaps it may not be necessary to call out the Militia. This however will depend on the Movements of the Enemy we depend on your Vigilance.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Gatrell fifteen Dollars of the new Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Middleton two thousand and eighty Dollars on Account

That the Armourer deliver to William Lewis one hundred rounds of Cartridges to be delivered over to Maj[r] Merrikin for the use of the Militia of A A[l] County.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph Fowler of the 1[st] Regiment, one shirt, one waistcoat, one pair of shoes and one pair of Overalls

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[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.]

We request you to purchase immediately and deliver to Cap[t] John Trotter Quarter Master to the Detachment commanded by the Marquis Fayette ninety five Quires of Paper to be charged to the Continent.

Ibid.

[Council to Governor Jefferson.]

The Arrival of our Express with your Excellency's Letter of the 12[th] this Moment received gives us an Opportunity of informing you that all the Transports with the Troops from Elk got safe into Harbour on Tuesday Evening. The next Morning at day Light two Ships apparently British of the rate of eighteen and twenty eight Guns came to an Anchor opposite to the Mouth of our River Severn, at 12 °Clock they made Sail up the Bay and by the last Account were at Anchor near the north Point of the River Patapsco we judged that you would be anxious for the Safety of the Troops but they are fortunately safe and the armed Vessels which conveyed them down are prepared for Defence. Your Favors of the 6 and 8[th] are come

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to Hand, and we thank you for your Intelligence respecting General Greene in that of the 8[th]

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Miles, five pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the new Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Nathan Waters fourteen pounds, one shilling and three pence of the same Emission due him per Acc[t] passed by the A. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Jane Urquhart, two pounds, nineteen shillings and six pence of the same Emission due her per Acc[t] passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brookes, three thousand pounds to be delivered over to John Bullen on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers Eight hundred pounds on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph Austin of the 5th Regim[t] one pair woollen Overalls, one pair Shoes, two shirts, one p[r] Stock[gs] & one Blanket.

Commissions issued Esau Williams appointed first Lieut. Thomas Dale second Lieut. Daniel Coe Bretherd Ens. of Capt. Isaac Evans Comp[y] William Taylor second Lieut. Thomas Selby Ens. of Capt. Sam[l] H. Rounds Comp[y] John Tull Capt in the room of John Coe, James Laws first Lieut, Assa Coe second Lieut & Joseph Broton Ensign. John Holland Ensign of Capt. Josiah Dales Company, belonging to the Sinepuxent Battalion of Militia in Worcester County, also to Bartlet Townsend Capt in the room of John Stewart, Nixon Dixon first Lieut, Scarborough Parker Second Lieut. belonging to the Snow Hill Battalion of Militia in Worcester County and also to Philip Scroggin Ensign of Capt. Robert Handy's Company in the Wicomico Battalion of Militia in the County aforesaid.

[Council to His Excellency Joseph Reed, Esqr.]

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We are informed by his Excellency Governor Jefferson, that the Convention Troops, and those taken at the Cowpens were at Winchester on the 12th Instant on their March to Lancaster, agreeable to an Order of Congress of the 3[d] Instant as we apprehend there Troops are by this Time at Knowlands Ferry, the Point from whence they are to be under the Direction of this State, and must proceed in a few Days; we think it necessary to communicate these Circumstances to your Excellency that Measures may be adopted to supply them with Provisions as soon as they arrive in Pensylvania we are so circumscribed by the Quantities of Provision furnished the Detachment under the Marquis that it will be with Difficulty we can subsist them to your Borders. The Prisoners from this State ordered to York Town will also proceed in a few Days about eight hundred British the Number from Virginia we cannot ascertain, If the Exec-

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utive of your State should fix on any other Places than now assigned by Congress for their reception, we request your Excellency to give us the earliest Information thereof with the necessary Communication respecting Supplies.

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Sands four pounds sail Twine, which Commodore Nicholson is to be accountable for Serj^{t} John Neary of the 1st Regim^{t} one Shirt, one waistcoat, one pair Overalls one p^{r} Shoes Serjant Johnson of the same Regim^{t} one pair of Shoes, and also to Capt. Benjamin Price of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} two shirts in full of the Articles for the present year

That the wesern shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire three hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings of the new Em^{n} on account of his Salary to the 8th February last

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen West Esq^{r} one hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission on Account of his Salary.

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Ordered that the Issuing Commissary procure and furnish Commodore Nicholson for the use of the Brig Nesbitt one doz Hams & Shoulders twenty pounds of butter twenty pounds of sugar two pounds of Tea six pounds of Coffee, one Case Gineva White biscuit, Cheese, Cider, Spirit, Onions, Peper, Mustard, Potatoes, Cabbage, Vinegar, Salt and Fresh meat.

Commission issued to Sam^{l} Watkins appointed Capt in the room of Thomas Watkins Robert Pain Davis first Lieut Robert Smith second Lieut and Aaron Rawlings Ensign of the West River Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

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[Council to Major Meriken.]

We have so little Provision and the Conveyance of it to you so difficult that we think you had better [purchase them] in the Neighbourhood and issue to each Guard one Pound Salt or one pound and a Quarter fresh Meat and one Pound and a Quarter flour ꝑ Day you must procure the Provision on the best Terms you can

Ibid.

[Council to Donaldson Yeates, Esqr.]

We have your letter of the 16th by Express. The english Ships are now at Anchor off this place while they continue here it will be improper to send any Vessels down the Bay. We have a Chain of

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Riders that go through this State and sometimes to Wilmington and Philadelphia. As they will always call at Elk we request Attention may be paid to their Dispatches and that no Neglect be suffered to pass unnoticed; should you observe any Delay in any of them we desire that you will give us Notice and the Name of the Person.

[Council to Governor Jefferson.] March 17
Liber No. 78

We beg Leave to refer your Excellency to our Letter of Yesterday p. 92
giving a short Account of the Transports and Troops from the Head of Elk being safe in this Harbour. We shall adopt such Measures to guard and subsist the Convention Troops and British Prisoners captured in the Action of the Cowpens, on their March through this State as may be necessary and consonant to a Resolution of Congress of the 3^{d} Instant and such as the Means in our power may afford. We have wrote to the President of the State of Pensylvania fully on the Subject of the March of there Troops. Matters remain in the same State as Yesterday respecting the British Ships and Forces here we are extraordinary anxious to hear from the Marquis and the Situation of the Southern Army.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.] March 18
Liber No. 78

Two armed Schooners supposed to be British passed the Ships p. 92
lying off this Harbour yesterday, and proceeded up the Bay immediately, we do not know what there Intentions are but suppose them to be on a plundering Expedition.

[Council to John Thompson, Esqr.] Ibid.

Yesterday two armed Schooners passed by the Ships off this Harbour and proceeded immediately up the Bay, they are supposed to be British what their Intentions are we do not know but presume they are on a plundering Expedition. As there are large Quantities of Stores at the Head of Elk, it may be an Object with them to destroy or take them, and therefore we request you in Case there p. 93
should not be any regular Troops at the Head of Elk to order out one hundred Militia to be commanded by a Capt Lieutenant and Ensign to be stationed there to protect the Stores until further Orders from this Board or until you hear of the Enemy going down the Bay.

Monday 19th March 1781 March 19
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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Benjamin No. 24
Price to be delivered over to Ensign Roger Nelson of the 6th Reg^{t} p. 60
twelve pounds ten Shillings and nine pence of the new Emission due him p Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Capt. Benjamin Price of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} six pounds, eight shillings and three pence of the same Emission due him for Stores per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Whetcroft eighteen pounds, fifteen shillings of the same Emission due him per Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

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That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Benj[a] Price eight Gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of sugar due him to Feb[y] inclusive.

That Andrew Buchanan Esq[r] Lieut of Baltimore County pay to Cap[t] George Keeports ten thousand pounds out of the money received by him for Militia Fines and from Classes to be by him accounted for.

That Capt George Keeports deliver to Brigadier Gen[l] Gist Ammunition for the use of the Fort and Arms and Ammunition for the Regular Troops in Baltimore Town.

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[Council to Capt. Keeports.]

We received yours of the 14 and 18[th] Curr[t] and have enclosed an Order of General Buchanan for 10,000 to enable you to pay the workmen employed by you. It is not in our Power to supply you with any from the Treasury, you will not send any of the Cloathing until the Enemy go down the Bay. We have also enclosed you the order which was omitted to be sent to furnish General Gist with Ammunition for the Fort and Arms and Ammunition for the regular Troops in Baltimore

Ibid.

[Council to General Greene.]

The general Assembly finding it impracticable to complete the Quota of Men to be raised by this State within the Time required, have reduced the regiment extraordinary, recalled the field and commissioned officers and incorporated the Non Commissioned Officers Privates of that regiment with the old regiments, and we have agreeable to their requisition transmitted you a Copy of the Act for that Purpose.

Ibid.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

We shall be obliged to you to procure of M[r] Smith one hundred Barrels of Bread if he can Spare as much on the same Terms as that obtained from him some Time past, if he should not have that Quantity you will deliver over to M[r] Donellan Flour Sufficient with what he has in his possession to make up the Quantity (reserving enough for the Fort at Baltimore) which he is to have baked and barrelled immediately. What you may procure from M[r] Smith and may be made from the Flour in yours and M[r] Donellans Hands is to
p. 94 be delivered over to M[r] Poe to be transported down the Bay for the use of the Detachment commanded by the Marquis Fayette.

Tuesday 20[th] March 1781

March 20
Liber C. B.
No. 24
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Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Charles Dashiell of the Schooner Paragon six Gallons of Rum on Account.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to David Poe Esquire one hundred Pounds of the new Emission on Account March 20 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 60

That the said Treasurer pay to William Brown four pounds five shillings and ten pence half penny of the same Emission due him p Acc^{t} passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Ignatius Wheeler two hundred and eighty two pounds, one shilling and seven pence of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hullet of the 7th Regim^{t} Ten Shillings of the same Emission in lieu of Twenty pounds the Grat^{y} allowed him by the Gen^{l} Assembly 1779

Capt. Montjoy Bayley is appointed to receive and provide for such Recruits as may be raised in Frederick County.

[Council to Philip Thomas, Esqr.] March 20 Liber No. 78 p. 94

By a resolution of Congress of the 3^{d} Instant. we are requested to superintend the removal and safe keeping of the Germans from Nolands Ferry on Patowmack River to Lancaster in Pensylvania and also to superintend the removal and safe keeping of the Convention Troops at Frederick Town from that Place to York Town in Pensylvania. The State of Maryland is to furnish the whole with Supplies through the State to the Borders of Pensylvania and then they are to be supplied by that State who have Notice of the said resolution, and are desired to make the necessary Preparations for the reception of the Prisoners at the Towns aforesaid as aforesaid. You will call on M^{r} Murdock for such Supplies as may be necessary. By a Letter from the President of Congress and another from the Governor of Virginia the Prisoners taken at the Cowpens are on their way to Nolands Ferry and must be guarded and supplied through the State in the same Manner as the others, we think it will be best to provide three distinct Guards. The Company Acting as a Guard at Frederick Town will be sufficient for the removal and safe keeping of the Convention Troops now there. A Guard consisting of one hundred and fifty Men under the Command of a vigilant trusty Officer will be necessary for the removal of the Troops at Nolands Ferry; and the like Number of one hundred and fifty will be necessary to guard the Prisoners taken at the Cowpens. We apprehend every possible Attempt will be made by the last mentioned Prisoners to escape from the Guard and therefore every Precaution must be taken to prevent it and rely on your Prudence and good Management in appointing fit and proper officers and doing every thing else that may occur to you to be necessary; you will call on the Lieutenants of Montgomery and Washington for such Aid as you may think requisite and if you should deem Guards assigned but insufficient you will add to them in such Manner as you may judge proper. We have enclosed Letters

March 20 Liber No. 78 p. 94 to the Lieutenants of Washington and Montgomery desiring them to furnish such a Number of Men as you may require. We acknowledge the receipt of your Letter and have appointed Capt. Mountjoy Bailey to receive and take Care of the recruits passed in your County.

Ibid. p. 95 [Council to Capt. Mountjoy Bailey.]

We have appointed you to receive and provide for the recruits raised in Frederick County, agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly of last Session, we request you will undertake this Duty and have the recruits provided with every thing necessary and to use every effectual Measure to prevent Desertion we shall furnish with Cloathing as soon as we are enabled to do it.

Ibid. [Council to Lieutenants of Washington and Montgomery.]

Agreeably to a Resolution of Congress, the Convention Troops are to be removed from this State to Lancaster in Pensylvania we have wrote to the Lieutenant of Frederick to march them as soon as possible and to call on you and the Lieutenant of Washington for such Aid of the Militia as he may think sufficient with those of his County to guard the Troops. On his Application you will order such Numbers of Militia as he may request for his Duty without further Instructions

Ibid. [Council to Messrs. Robert Purviance, Matthew Ridley, and William Patterson Merchants.]

We received your letter of the 10th covering the Engagement of the Gentlemen of Baltimore and an Extract of a Letter from Mr McHenry of the 6th. we very much applaud the Zeal and Activity of the Gentlemen of Baltimore and think their readiness to assist at a Time when they were destitute of the Means of providing those Things which were immediately necessary for the Detachment under the Command of the Marquis De la Fayette, justly entitles them to the Thanks of the Public. We cannot but approve of the Proceedings of those Gentlemen and assure you, we will adopt any expedient to prevent any Individual of that Body from suffering or being in the least embarrassed by his Engagement for the State. As soon as we are informed by the Committee of the Amount of the Sums advanced by their Constituents and the Extent of their Engagements to procure the numerous Articles required for the use of the Detachment, we will transmit orders on the Collectors of Baltimore County for such a
p. 96 sum as will cover the whole. We think it reasonable the State should pay the Value of Money advanced and Interest thereon, until paid and do agree to pay the Value with Interest, to those Gentlemen who have made Advances and will give an order on the Collectors of Baltimore for their reimbursement.

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Ordered that the Armourer deliver to John Davidson forty seven three pound shot—and also to Robert Moss thirty flints & three hundred Cartriges to be delivered over to Joseph Merrikin who is to be Accountable for the same.

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Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Majr Levin Winder Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloathes and Linen for four Shirts for the present year. Ensign Levache of the 2nd Regiment Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for four shirts due him for the year 1780. Lieut John Chever of the Artillery Linen for two shirts for the present year. Lieut Robert Denny [Paymastr] of the 7th Regimt sixty three Coats Sixty three Vests, sixty three pair Overalls, one hundred and ninety shirts and forty Blankets to be accountable to the Commissary and also to John Holden of the 5th Regimt a suit of Cloaths and two shirts.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Ensign Le Vache fifty pounds of the new Emission agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to John C. Maccubbin Twenty seven pounds ten shillings of the same Emission due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. Le Vache Twenty four pounds and eleven pence of the same Emission due him for Store ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud Gl

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Ensign Le Vache Thirty Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twenty pounds of Sugar due to April next.

Leave given to Ann Tilley, widow, to go with a Flag on board the British Ships lying in the Road off this City to endeavor to obtain of the Commanding Officer, a Negro Woman and three Children her property taken away by a Mulato Man the Husband of the Woman.

[Council to John S. Brookes, Esqr.]

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We have yours of the 20th Instant. The Cattle you have collected, must be drove to Frederick Town and delivered to Mr Murdock to supply the Convention and other Troops on their March through this State to Pensylvania we flatter ourselves that by your Exertions you will be enabled to execute the Orders for procuring the Quantity of Provisions required of Prince George's County. Our Instructions to you were general and hope they will be strictly pursued. The salt Provisions are to be sent to this Place

[Council to Major Meriken.]

Ibid.

We have sent you three hundred Cartridges and thirty Flints. We will furnish you with Musquets, if you will inform us of the Number

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necessary and be accountable for their return when demanded. It will be necessary for you to send for them.

March 22 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 61

Thursday 22d March 1781

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Benjamin Smith of the Extra Regimt one pair of Shoes and one Shirt.

That the Armourer deliver to Colo Elijah Robosson five pound of powder and twenty pounds of Shott or lead for the use of the Militia of Ann Arundel County and to be accounted for.

That Capt. Phileman Warfield deliver to Capt Deale two Chests of Arms No 6 & 7 containing sixty stand of Arms one hhd No 2 containing fifty nine Cartridges Boxes and Bayonet Belts, also six hundred Muskett Cartridges and one hundred and twenty Flints to be delivered over to Colo John Weems for the use of the Militia of Ann Arundel County.

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[Council to Commodore Nicholson.]

Mrs Ann Tilley having obtained Permission to go on Board of the British Ships lying before this Harbour with a Flag for the Purpose mentioned in the Enclosure to which we beg Leave to refer you. We request you to give Directions that she may be safely conducted and the usual Forms observed on such Occasions.

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. Poe.]

The Troops at this Place are in Want of Bread, and it is impracticable to transport it by water from Baltimore Town, we request you to impress immediately Sir, good strong waggons, and send them to Mr Donnellan to be loaded with Bread and Flour and send down to this Place. On your Application General Gist will furnish a Guard

Ibid. p. 97

[Council to Mr. Donnellan.]

We have wrote to Mr Poe to impress six Waggons, which you are to have loaded immediately with Bread, if you have so much Bread or Flour without interfering with our former Orders. The waggons are to be sent to this place. The Troops are much in want of Bread, you will therefore not delay the Execution of this Business

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Friday 23d March 1781

Ordered that the Armourer deliver to Robert Smith Ens. Forty Flints for the use of the Militia Stationed at So River and also Capt. Gilbert Middleton of the Plater two hundred Musket Cartridges.

That Capt. Philemon Warfield deliver to Stephen Boone forty Muskets and Accoutrements to be by him delivered over to Majr

Joseph Merikin for the use of the Militia on the North side of Severn to be by him Accounted for. March 23 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 61

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Miles five pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the new Emission due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That James Calhoun Esq^{r} five hundred and eighteen Barrels of Merchantable Flour for so much seized from him as Agent for the Marine of France Viz in the hands of John Smith Esq^{r} three hundred & twenty nine barrels George Matthews Thirty four Forman & Chambers eighty & the produce of five hundred & Six bush^{ls} of wheat purchased by Col^{o} Henry Amount^{g} to Seventy five Barrels.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.] March 23 Liber No. 78 p. 97

We had the Honor of yours of the 13th Current, and lament that it is not in our Power to supply you with any Money. The Treasury here is exhausted, we have some continental Money in the Treasury of the Eastern Shore, but the Communication cut off by the Ships opposite our Harbour prevents us from supplying you from thence in Time as before we shall be able to convey a Letter for the Purpose, the Money will be exchanged the Moment it is in our Power you may depend that we shall most chearfully transmit the Money to you.

[Council to President of Congress.] Ibid.

We had the Honor of your Excellency's Letter of the 18th Instant by Express inclosing the General's Letter from Rhode Island, containing the agreeable Intelligence of the sailing of the French Squadron. The Letters for the Marquis were immediately forwarded and we are hourly in anxious Expectation of hearing from him and of Affairs to the Southward nothing material has occured since our Letter of the 14th The Troops are landed and the two British Ships which we understand are the [Fowey] of twenty four and the General Monk of 20 Guns continues off our Harbour, they were joined some Days past by two armed schooners which went up the Bay where they plundered the shores and made some Prizes, but yesterday they went past this place down the Bay

Saturday 24 March 1781 March 24 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 62

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph Phearson one shirt and to John Predix one Coat one Jacket and one shirt.

That Doct^{r} James Murray deliver to Joseph Walker one pound of Bark out of the State Shop.

Commissions issued to Robert Taylor appointed first Lieutenant and Humphrey Posey second Lieut of Capt. Samuel Lucketts Company in the 26th Battalion of Militia in Charles County.

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[Council to Capt. John Pitt.]

We think it proper that a fast sailing Vessel be immediately dispatched down the Bay to reconnoitre and watch the Movements of the British Ships late of this Harbour, and as your Vessel answers that Description better than any other in the Fleet, we request of you to remove the Provisions from on Board your schooner to some place of Safety first, advising the Commandant of our Directions, and if you
p. 98 want an additional Number of Men, we have no Doubt you will be furnished upon your Application to Col Vose. You are to communicate to us with the utmost Dispatch whatever occurs of Importance during your Cruise.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt. Gilbert Middleton.]

The Departure of the British Ships from before this Harbour and as we apprehend they are gone down the Bay gives an opportunity of reconnoitering the Bay and Rivers between this place and Elk, to see if there are any of their Cruisers remaining. You will therefore proceed the Boat Plater from hence to Baltimore Town and keep a careful look out on your Passage, when you arrive at Baltimore Town apply to Commodore Nicholson for further Instructions. If he desires you to proceed up the Bay to Elk or perform any other Service you are to follow his Directions. Should any Thing material occur in your passage you will give us as speedy Notice of it as you possibly can.

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donnellan.]

We wrote you the 22^{d} Instant to send down six Waggons with Flour or Bread, which were to be furnished by M^{r} Poe, if you have not already sent off these waggons, you will apply to Commodore Nicholson to be acquainted with the Situation of the Bay and if it can be done with Safety, to send the Bread and Flour down by water and discharge the waggons, this Post is entirely without Bread you will therefore send a Supply without Delay.

Ibid.

[Council to Commodore Nicholson.]

We have just received the enclosed from Governor Jefferson. We are informed by M^{r} Green who has been at the Mouth of South River that the two Ships that lay off this Harbour are now lying at the Mouth of Choptank River and that the two Schooners are up that River.

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[Council to Mr. Donallson Yeates.]

One of the British Ships of war has just returned and come to an Anchor off this Harbour but far over on the Eastern Shore. We give you this Notice that the People may be put on their Guard and prevent any that may be prepared to come down by water

[Council to Commodore Nicholson.]

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One of the Ships has this Moment returned and now lies off this City, we thought it highly necessary you should be advised of it that proper Precautions might be used to prevent our Vessels and Provisions from falling into the Enemy's Possession, the Ships have burnt and destroyed all the Buildings on Poplar Island.

Monday 26th March 1781

March 26
Liber C. B.
No. 24
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Ordered That the Armourer deliver to John Brice twenty Cartridges

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker five pounds nineteen shillings of the new Emission due him per Acco^{t} passed by the Aud G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Rachel Hammond three pounds two shillings & six pence of the same Emission due her per Acco^{t} passed by the Aud. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Denton Hammond Thirty Pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Adam Reb forty two pounds seven shillings & one penny half penny of the same Emission due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to William Gordan six pounds, sixteen shillings and ten pence of the same Emission due him for eight Days Attendance as Messenger to the Governor and Council.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan Esqr.]

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We have received your Letter of the 22^{d} and under the Circumstances of the recruiting Service in Baltimore County at present, the Vigilance and Zeal the people there have Shewn on every Occasion, and the Expectation we have from the recruits being made up, have induced us to think it most proper to suspend the Draft in Baltimore County and therefore direct that the Draft be suspended until further Order.

Tuesday 27 March 1781

March 27
Liber C. B.
No. 24
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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro forty three pounds ten shillings of the new Emission due him per Acc^{t} passed by the A. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Jordan of the first Reg. seventeen pounds twelve shillings and eight pence of the same Emission due him for Stores per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

March 27 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 62 That the said Treasurer pay to James Rigby eleven pounds five shillings of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Major Levin Winder of the 1[st] Regim[t] who is a Prisoner Fifty pounds of the same Emission agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly. And also the further Sum of eighty nine pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Bullen Esquire one hundred fathom of Tent Cord and Linen for six Beds for the Hospital.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. John Jordan twenty two Gallons of Rum and eighty pounds of Sugar due him to the first Inst.

Ibid. Wednesday 28[th] March 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Prudy eighteen pounds eight shillings of the New Emission due him per Account passed by the A. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to William Dove nine pound five shillings & one penny of the same Emission due him ꝑ acc[t] passed by the Aud. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Alice Redman five Dollars of the same Emission due her ꝑ acc[t] passed by the Aud. G[l]

p. 63 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Francis Revelly one hundred pounds of the New Emission agreeably to a Resolve of the General Assembly of the 2[d] of February last

That the said Treasurer pay to James Maccubbin Twenty two pounds four shillings and eight pence of the same Emission due him ꝑ acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Welch fourteen pounds eighteen shill[gs] and six pence of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Col[o] Uriah Forrest four hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings of the same Emission due him per Acc[t] passed by the A. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Mathew Ridley Esq[r] one hundred and twenty five pounds of the same Emission on Account of five thousand pounds lent the State for the use of the Continent May the 10[th] 1780.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Robert Denny one hundred and fifty pair of Shoes to be Accounted for.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Nicholas Martin of the Brig Nesbitt rations for himself and Crew.

That James Calhoun Esquire Commissary Gen[l] of the Western shore deliver to Mathew Ridley Esq[r] £280..0..6 of Common Flour for two hundred and seventy and half Ells of Baye five and a Quarter pounds of thread and seventy one pair of thread Hose purchased of him by this Board and delivered to M[r] George Keeparts. March 27 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 63

We hereby certify that the State of Maryland is indebted to Mess[rs] Ridley and Pringle in the sum of six hundred and eighty eight pounds and four pence specie for Goods sold this Board the nineteenth day of August last and delivered to George Keeports by our order.

The following Commission was issued to Matthew Ridley Esq[r]

The State of Maryland To Matthew Ridley Esquire of Baltimore Town Greeting. Be it known that reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Fidelity good Conduct and Attachment to the Rights Liberties and Independence of America

We have appointed you Agent for this State and do hereby authorize and empower you to obtain from the Courts of France and Spain, or the Individuals of France, Spain or Holland, Loans of Money, Arms, Ammunition and Cloathin[g] for the State of Maryland, and to do and perform transact and negotiate all other Business, Matters and Things which we may commit to your care and Management, agreeable to the Instructions now given, or that may be hereafter given you.

Given at Annapolis in Council this twenty eighth Day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty one and in the sixth year of our Independence.

M[r] Ridley applied by Letter dated February the 9[th] 1781 desiring to be appointed Agent for this State in Europe.

Upon Question, carried in the Affirmative, I prayed Leave to enter my Dissent. Because I am not convinced that the Board has sufficient Power by Law to grant such a Commission as is desired; and Because I think it would be more proper to refer the Business to the General Assembly. Stephen West.

[Council to David Poe, Esqr.] March 28 Liber No. 78 p. 99

We shall be much obliged to you to send a further Supply of eight or ten waggon Loads of Flour, what was received this Day will be expended on to-morrow or next Day at furthest

[Council to Mr. John Chalmers.] Ibid.

There being an absolute Necessity to furnish the Troops here immediately with a further Quantity of meat Provision you will therefore without Delay continue to procure it under the Authority already given.

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[Council to Chevalier de la Luzerne.]

We have appointed Matthew Ridley Esq^{r} of Baltimore Town Agent for the State to obtain of the Courts of France, Spain, and the Individuals of France Spain and Holland, Loans of Money, Arms, Ammunition and Cloathing, and have empowered him, to transact and negotiate all other Business, Matters and Things that may be committed to his Care and Management by the State. Your Excellency is so well acquainted with the real Situation of the States, that we think it unnecessary to suggest the defenceless Condition of Maryland that it is of the utmost Importance to procure those necessary Articles of Defence, without which the common Enemy cannot be opposed with that vigour we so ardently desire. The Disposition manifested by your Excellency on a former occasion to further and promote the Measures adopted by the State for its Security induces us to Solicit your Excellency to patronise M^{r} Ridley in the Execution of the Powers we have delegated to him, and as the Benefits will derive from M^{r} Ridley's Services on this occasion will in a great Degree depend upon the Expedition with which they are performed. We hope you will be pleased to have him accommodated with a Passage to Europe in one of his most Christian Majestys Ships.

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Liber C. B.
No. 24
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Thursday 29th March 1781

Ordered that the western Shore Treasurer pay to John Chalmers fifty Dollars of the New Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Esq^{r} one hundred and sixty two pounds ten shillings of the same Emission in lieu of sixty five pounds specie for one Horse sold Col^{o} Lee's Corps as per Certificate of A McLain and John Bullen and also the further sum of three hundred and thirty six Dollars of the same Emission due him per Acco^{t} passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Vachel Worthington one hundred and seven pounds of the same Emission to be delivered over to John Bullen on Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Gilbert Middleton thirty seven pounds ten shillings of the same Emission to be delivered over to Captain William Middleton on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert John Smith one hundred and Sixty five pounds eight shillings and nine pence of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Gilbert Middleton twenty two pounds ten shillings of the same Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} John Dorsey sixty one pounds five shillings and two pence of the same Emission for the use of

Capt. Richard Dorsey of the Artillery due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] March 29 Liber C. B. No. 24

That the said Treasurer pay to John King Twenty three pounds thirteen shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. G[l] p. 64

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Philip Jones of Capt. Dorseys Company of Artillery one Coat, one Waistcoat one pair of Breeches one pair of Stockings, two Shirts and one pair of Shoes.

[Council to Mr. John Shaw.] March 29 Liber No. 78

The Engineer at work at the Fort wants planks for the Platforms, you will furnish him with as much of the old (if it will answer the Purpose) as may be necessary, and if that should not be sufficient you must procure such as will do. p. 100

Friday 30[th] March 1781 March 30 Liber C. B.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Trueman of the 6[th] Regim[t] four pounds eleven shillings and one penny half penny of the New Emission due him for Stores per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] No. 24 p. 64

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander Howard Magruder eighty four pounds seven shillings of the same Emission for the use of William Magruder due him p Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esq[r] one hundred and seventy four pounds seven Shillings and ten pence Fifty Pounds and nine pounds nineteen shillings and eight pence of the same Emission due him in full for his Salary last year as Councillor.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Richard Dorsey of the Maryland Artillery twelve pounds six shillings and two pence of the same Emission due him for Stores &[ca] per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Charles Smith, Vachel Burgess, Lieut John Plant Ensigns James Bickham and Theodore Middleton of the late Extra Regiment, each Fifty pounds of the new Emission in lieu of twenty pounds Specie as part of their Account passed by the Auditer General on Account

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Dorsey & Co. twelve hundred and fifty pounds of the new Emission on Account. p. 65

That the said Treasurer pay to Col[os] Nathaniel Ramsey, and Uriah Forrest Commissioners for the preservation of Confiscated British property forty pounds of the same Emission on Account.

That Cap[t] Philemon Warfield deliver to Col[o] Elijah Robosson thirty two stands of Arms and ten rounds of Cartridges to each stand for the use of the Militia of his Battalion & to be by him accounted for.

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That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt Alexander Trueman and Capt. Richard Dorsey each six Gallons of Rum and twenty four pounds of Sugar due them to the 31st Instant.

Commissions issued to Joseph Chapline appointed Capt. James Chapline Lieut and Thomas Cramplim Ensign also to Adam Ott Capt. Nicholas Hockey Lieut and John Simpkins Ensign of the Select Militia raised in Washington County and also to John Kyger second Lieut of Capt John Funks Company in the second Battalion of Militia in the County aforesaid and also to George Hunter Capt Thomas Elliott first Lieut and David Stoddert second Lieut of a Company of Matrose formed for the Defence of the Harbour of Baltimore.

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Liber No. 78 p. 100

[Council to Mr. David Poe.]

There is a pressing Occasion for a considerable Number of Teams and Vessels to transport the Cannon Stores and Baggage of the Detachment commanded by the Marquis Fayette. We therefore request and authorise you to impress twenty five waggons and Teams with Drivers, and all the Flatts and Skows that can be procured with their Hands for the purpose above mentioned, the waggons and Teams are to be sent immediately to the Indian Landing at the Head of Elk, there to remain Subject to the Orders of the Marquis or the Officer
p. 101 commanding (the Vessels to remain at Baltimore subject to the same Orders) also twenty five strong draught Horses and six riding Horses to be sent to the Indian Landing with the waggons and Teams &ca

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. John Bullen.]

There is a pressing Occasion for a considerable Number of Teams to transport the Cannon Stores and Baggage of the Detachment commanded by the Marquis Fayette. We therefore request and authorise you to impress fifteen waggons and Teams with Drivers for the purposes abovementioned the Waggons and Teams are to be immediately sent to the Indian Landing at the Head of Severn, also fourteen draught Horses and five road Horses to be sent to the Indian Landing

Ibid.

[Council to General Gist.]

We think with you that the recruits to be raised by this State will be better disciplined and more serviceable in Case of an Invasion if only six places of Rendezvous are established than they could possibly be if dispersed in every County, and have appointed the Place and classed the Countries in the Manner mentioned by you in the list sent, except the small Alteration of Port Tobacco to upper Marlbrough where Mr Joseph Walker is already appointed and a House and necessaries provided, that Place we apprehend will be

more convenient in many respects and much nearer to Annapolis, and Alexandria in Case the Troops should be ordered to either. We approve of the Measure of the Sea Captains and Inhabitants of Fells Point having formed themselves into a Company of Matrosses and have appointed and commissioned the Officers elected by them. March 30 Liber No. 78 p. 101

[Council to General Gist.] Ibid.

The Col Commandant of the Detachment here that was destined for Portsmouth has received Orders to be in readiness to move at a Moments warning and the necessary preparations are making for transporting the Cannon, Stores and Baggage, some Sea Vessels and most of the Craft belonging to the Bay have been impressed to transport the Detachment from Elk to this place on their way down, and a very numerous Expence incurred on that Account and by Means of the Exertions of the State to facilitate the Movement of the Troops. The transports now lye in Severn River, and will as well as the City and the public Property in and about it be exposed to the Enemy, the State Boats now here being too inconsiderable to make effectual resistance against the Force in the Power of the Ships to land. We apprehend the Preservation of the Transports, the public Property the City and the Safety of the Citizens to be objects of general as well as particular Concern to the State and therefore request you to order one hundred and fifty or two hundred Men to this Place for the Protection of the Inhabitants, the Transports and the public Property. If it was necessary to suggest any further Reasons to induce a Complyance with our requisition we should mention the disagreeable Situation of the Citizens; the small Pox is almost in every Family and will be very infectious in a few Days and therefore if an Attempt should be made by the Enemy, no Succour could be expected from the Militia most of whom have not had it; This is not the only Inconvenience they must encounter if compelled to desert their Habitations, they would have no place to fly to the Country. People would avoid them as much as they would the Enemy. p. 102

[Council to Thomas Sprigg, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have enclosed the Commission you requested. We think that notwithstanding your Returns to us of the Select Companies of Militia, you may receive others into the Companies so as they do not exceed the Numbers limitted by the Law. Capt. Mountjoy Bailey of Frederick County is appointed to receive and provide for the recruits procured in your County, and in Frederick, you will be so obliging as to send the Recruits furnished in Washington County to him, The Recruits by the Law are not to be removed from the County until they are provided with Cloathing allowed them, yet we suppose they cannot have any objection, when we assure them they shall not be marched from the place of rendezvous until they receive their cloath-

March 30 Liber No. 78 p. 102 ing the Reasons of our ordering there are that they may be better provided for and that they may be disciplined

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Saturday 31st March 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Majr A. McLaine of Colo Lee's Corp five hundred Dollars of the new Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Alexander Lawson Smith, Capt. Samuel M. Lane and Lieut Samuel Hanson of the Extra Regimt each Fifty Pounds of the same Emission in lieu of Twenty pounds Specie part of their Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Middleton Twelve pounds of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn one hundred and twenty six pounds four shillings and three pence of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green three hundred and seventy five pounds of the same Emission due him per Acct passed by the Aud Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire two hundred pounds of the same Emission on Account.

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Monday 2d April 1781

Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Lieut Colo James Tootell six stands of Arms with Accoutrements & Sixty Cartridges on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Horatio Clagett of the 3d Regt & Ensign John H. Lowe of the 2d Regimt each, eight Gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of Sugar. Capt John Mitchell of the 1st Regimt twelve Gallons of Rum & twenty four pounds of Sugar & also to Capt Archibald McCallister six Gallons of Rum & twenty four pounds of Sugar, due them to the first instant.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Horatio Clagett thirty three pounds twelve shillings & nine pence of the new Emission due him ꝑ Acct passed by the A. Gl

p. 66 Ordered that the western Shore Treasurer pay to Ens. John H. Lowe six pounds one Shilling and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander C. Hanson one hundred and twenty eight Pounds eight Shillings and six pence of the new Emission in lieu of an Order of the 15th February last for Five thousand one hundred and thirty seven Pounds due him for the last

years Depreciation of his Salary as per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] April 2 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 66

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Miles five pounds twelve shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Hopkins Two hundred & forty Pounds for the use of Daniel Hopkins & Co. in part of their Account against the State for thirty four thousand eight hundred & four pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Mitchell nine pounds two shillings and three pence due him per Acco[t] passed by the A G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Archibald McCallister four pounds eleven shillings and one penny half penny due him for stores per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Archibald Golder of the Extra Regim[t] Fifty Pounds in lieu of Twenty pounds specie part of his Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Robert Denny twenty three Coats nineteen vests twelve pair woollen Overalls forty nine pair of Shoes fifty seven Shirts, twenty seven hats and thirty eight Blankets for the soldiers of the Maryland Line on Account.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to Marmaduke Tilden one hundred Muskets with Cartridge Boxes, Bayonets &[ca] complete, Ten Barrels Musket powder one thousand flints one six and one four pound Cannon half ream Cartridge paper for six & four pound Cannon Cartridges one hundred and fifty round Iron Shot six pounds one hundred & fifty D[o] four pounds and two Barrels Damaged powder to be delivered over to William Bordly Esquire Lieut of Kent County agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly.

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donnellan.] April 29 Liber No. 78 p. 103

We lament that it is not in our Power to supply you with any Money from the Treasury, and we have long since discontinued giving orders on the Collectors, as soon as any Money comes into the Treasury, you may depend on being supplied

[Council to Captain Keeports.] Ibid.

We request you to furnish Cap[t]. Tilden with the military Stores agreeable to the Order delivered to him for the Lieutenant of Kent County. We are much in want of Lead, if you possibly can purchase any in Baltimore at a reasonable Price, on the Credit of the State, we request you will do it.

[Council to William Bordley, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have received yours of the 31[st] Ul[t] by Cap[t] Tilden. It gives us much Pleasure to observe that the Militia of Kent have manifested

April 29 Liber No. 78 p. 103 so laudible a Spirit in flying to Arms with Chearfulness and Alacrity, and we highly approve of the Steps you have taken to protect the Inhabitants and their Property from the Ravages of the Enemy, we shall most willingly render every Service within our Power, to enable you to oppose the Enemy with Effect, and agreeable to your request, we have delivered to Capt. Tilden two Pieces of Cannon one six Pounder and a four Pounder; one hundred Stand of Arms with Cartridges Boxes Bayonets &ca compleat, ten Barrels of musquet Powder, one thousand Gun Flints, one and a half Reams of Cannon Cartridge Paper. three hundred iron pound Shot, two Barrels of damaged Powder These Articles exceed the Quantities ordered by the General Assembly to the Eastern Shore, but in Consideration of your exposed Situation, we have thought it proper to furnish them; and have advised the Special Council of the Eastern Shore thereof, who have the Disposition of the Military Shores allowed to that Shore, which makes it necessary you should apply to that Board for their Directions, while the Communication between us is topped by the Vessels of the Enemy.

Ibid. p. 104 [Council to Col. Edward Gaither.]

It is not in our Power to supply you with any Money from the Treasury at present the Commissioners of the Tax are empowered to draw their Order on the Collector in your Favor for such Sum of Money as they may think necessary not exceeding two hundred Pounds to enable you to proceed in the Execution of your Office, if you have not already done it, you had better apply to them as they have the Power of drawing on the Collector. We have long since discontinued that Practice

Ibid. [Council to Special Council of the Eastern Shore.]

We have this Moment received your Letter without Date by Express, yours of the 17th Ult. never came to Hand till the 30th. In answer to which we refer you to our Letter of the 2d Instant. We are concerned for the Mistake that has happened through the Inattention of our Officer and have sent you a proper Proportion of Musquet Powder. In Consideration of the exposed and defenceless Situation of the Eastern Shore we have ventured to send you one hundred and twenty five Musquets more than the Quantity allotted to that Shore, fifty of which were delivered to Col Lloyd and are now in his Possession subject to your Order and Distribution The principal Cause of our not having before complied fully with the Directions of the General Assembly respecting the military Stores, was the Obstruction of the Intercourse between us by the Enemy's Sloops of war for some Time past, previous to which they could not have been sent without imminent Hazard of falling into the Possession of the Enemy's Cruisers and Barges, to which we may add the various Sorts

of important Business which incessantly claim our Attention; no Measures have been taken for building the Vessels directed, owing to our being destitute of Money, and much of the Business cannot be executed from the same Cause; we are pleased you abound with the Materials and will very chearfully place that Business under your Direction if you think you can accomplish it; but are apprehensive that the want of Money an obstacle that impedes most of our Measures, and will also stand in your Way and prevent your doing any Thing effectual. As soon as the Acts of the last Session are published they will be forwarded & in the Manner the Law directs. It is impossible for us to ascertain with any Degree of Precision the Quantity of Provision we shall want from your shore, but are certain the whole that can be furnished will not exceed the Demands on us; the only Account we have seen of the Action between the French and british Fleets is published in the last Pensylvania Paper. We have no official Account of the Engagement between General Greene and Lord Cornwallis Reports that we think may be relied on, say, that the Action was very severe and continued more than an Hour. General Greene retreated thirteen Miles from the Field with the Loss of four field Pieces and between two and three hundred Men killed and wounded, the Loss of the Enemy doubled that Number which made it a very dear bought Victory. General Greene remainded at the Place to which he retreated three or four Days expecting to be attacked; his Men in full Spirits and desirous to renew the Battle; but the Enemy retired. We have sent to the Lieutenant of Kent the Cannon and military Stores agreeable to the list enclosed, one six pound Field Piece and a four pound, one hundred and fifty six pound Shot, one hundred and fifty four pound Shot, one hundred and fifty Musquets and Accoutrements compleat, ten Barrels of musquet Powder, one thousand flints, half a Ream of Cannon Cartridge Paper, two Barrels of damaged Powder for the select Militia in their Exercise.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Charlotte Small seven Pounds ten Shillings due her per Account passed by the D. Aud.

[Council to Thomas Johnson, Esqr.]

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We have received your Letter of the 30th March respecting the Continuance of the Convention Troops in this State, and entirely agree with you in Sentiments; but as the least Evil we have determined to send them to Fort Frederick. We have wrote to Col. Wood fully on the subject which he will communicate. Your Sentiments are at all Times agreeable and desirable. The Marquis Fayette is here. There was only one Action between the French and British at the 16th both suffered but the French retired to Rhode Island and the

April 3 Liber No. 78 p. 105 english to our Bay. The two english Ships continue off our Harbour. By certain Intelligence from the Southward Cornwallis suffered severely although he kept the field and took four Pieces of Cannon, yet in a Day or two he retired towards Cross Creek leaving our Sick at Guilford Court House and his own at new Garden about Seventy, recommended to General Greenes Mercy.

Ibid. p. 106

[Council to Colonel Rawlings.]

Since the Resolution of Congress directing the Removal of the Convention Troops to the State of Pensylvania, they referred the Matter to the Board of War who have ordered that they should remain in this State in Consequence of which this Board has determined that they shall be immediately sent to Fort Frederick and we have wrote to Col. Wood to that Effect, and at the same Time informed him that you would render every Assistance in your Power which we have no Doubt you will most chearfully give in furnishing Provisions and in putting the Barracks in a proper State for the reception of the Troops.

Ibid.

[Council to Philip Thomas Esq^{r} or the commanding Officer of Militia.]

We request you will furnish a sufficient Guard (agreeable to Col. Wood's Directions) as an Escort to the Convention Prisoners who are to be removed to Fort Frederick.

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[Council to Col. James Wood.]

We have received your Letter of the 30th Ult. with the Instructions of the Board of War respecting the Convention Troops, a Copy of which we had before been furnished with. By the Resolution of Congress those Troops were possitively to be removed into Pensylvania and we gave Directions accordingly for a Guard to escort them, we expected they were out of this State agreeable to that resolution, it is therefore disagreeable and distressing to see that order rescinded and for us to be called on anew to secure and provide for them, expressing contrary to the Inclination and Directions of our Assembly. However from the Exigency of the Case, we have determined that the Convention Troops be sent under your Directions with such an Escort as may be necessary to Fort Frederick, and that that Place be put in the best Condition in every Shape for their reception. Col. Rawlings will give his Attention to the Completion of these or any orders you may find necessary to answer the Purposes intended. We expect that the walls of Fort Frederick are perfect and the Gates that the Houses and Barracks are also in Repair if they are not they must be made so with every other Conveniency, and there cannot be a

better opportunity to effect it. Col Rawlings and M[r] Murdock will continue their Exertions to procure Provisions as far as it is necessary, and we have ordered a Quantity of Cattle and some Salt Provisions from Prince George's County for your Supply, though the Troops here lay us under considerable Difficulties to Supply them, we would with Pleasure lend you some Money but in Truth our Treasury is at present empty and therefore it is not in our Power

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[Council to Thomas Sprigg, Esqr.]

Ibid.
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The Convention Troops at Frederick Town are ordered by this Board to Fort Frederick. Col. Wood who has the Charge of them has applied to us for a Guard of Militia which we desire you to furnish on his Request on Application to us we will order a Relief from the Militia of Frederick County

[Council to Capt Gilbert Middleton.]

Ibid.

You will proceed with the Fleet under Commodore Nicholson up the River Severn whenever he may think it necessary.

Wednesday 4[th] April 1781

April 4
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p. 66

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Stoddert two pounds ten Shillings to be delivered over to Christopher Lowndes due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to William Kilty Surgeon of the 6[th] Regim[t] who was taken prisoner in Carolina Fifty pounds agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Levin Winder of the 1[st] Regim[t] eighty nine pounds fourteen Shillings and nine pence and also fifty pounds in lieu of orders on the Eastern shore Treasurer

That the said Treasurer pay to Ja[s] Maccubbin one hundred & four pounds due him as Cl[erk] to the Sen[ate] from the 1[st] Novem[r] to 1[st] Ins[t]

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Kilty of Baylors Corps late a Prisoner fifty pounds agreeable to a Resolution of the Gen[l] Assembly on Acco[t]

That the Armourer deliver to the Officer appointed by Gen[l] Smallwood seventy two Muskets with Accoutrements complete and twenty four rounds of Cartridges to be accounted for.

Commissions issued to John Day Jun[r] appointed Capt in the room of Samuel Groome Osborne, George B. Presbury first Lieut & Joseph Presbury Jun[r] Ens. in the 8[th] Batt of Militia, also to Aaron Grace Capt in the room of Syrus Osborne David Thompson first Lieut in the 23[d] Battalion of Militia in Harford County.

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p. 107 [Council to Capt. Warfield.]

We request you to send down four Barrels of Cannon Powder and three Chests of Arms No^{s} 4, 5 and 8, also one Box of Cartridges N° 56

Ibid. [Council to Col. Barnes.]

Your's of the 25 Ul^{t} is received, we are fully sensible of the Necessity there is of your being supplied with a further Number of Arms, but it is out of our Power to convey them to you, the Navigation being impeded by the Enemy's Vessels off the Harbour and all the Carriages in the Vicinity of this Place impressed for the Transportation of the Stores &^{ca} of the Detachment under the Marquis Fayette; we will furnish Seventy Stand of Arms the Number you require on your sending for them, we coincide in opinion with you that Horse would be of singular Service and are lead to believe so from what has been experienced in Kent County on the Eastern Shore wherewith only four or five Horse they have prevented the Enemy from committing any Depredations and the Negroes from going to them, you will therefore employ thirty Horse, which we think will be competent to the Purpose.

Ibid. [Council to Mr. Patrick Sim Smith.]

We have received your Letter of the 22^{d} March with the Returns of Provisions

p. 108 There is a continual and pressing Demand for Meat Provisions wherefore you will without Delay send off all the Cattle, you have on the Hoof up to the Place, and your Salt Provisions by water up Patuxent to upper Marlbro to the Care of M^{r} John Smith Brookes. We wrote to you some Time since with warrant to procure a Quantity of flesh Provisions, this you must continue and increase the Quantity to twenty thousand weight with your utmost Vigilance the Directions for removing the salt Provisions were given from an Apprehension they might be in Danger from the Enemy, but if they are in Places of Safety it will be unnecessary to remove them.

Ibid. [Council to Richard Dallam, Esqr.]

The Commissions requested by yours of the 21st Ult. we herewith send you. The Laws are not printed, therefore it is not in our Power to send them. You are Commissary of the County to supply what Provisions you stand in Need of for the Militia called into Service; but in all Probability each Man will not be on Duty more than a Day or two, at a Time, and if they would furnish themselves with as much Provisions as will serve them for the Time they are in Service, they may hereafter make a Return to the State, which shall be repaid.

As the Mode of Defence, that will rest with you who are on the Spot, and not with [us?] at this Place; M^r^ Donnellan is appointed to recruits from Baltimore and Harford Counties. In Answer to yours of the 2^d^ Instant, we can only say it certainly is your Duty to be prepared against any Attempt the Enemy may think proper to make. We presume you have the Proportion of Arms and Accoutrements for your County; Artillery we can not supply you with you are to apply to M^r^ Calhoun who will supply you with Salt It is indispensably necessary that the Flour should be removed to a Place of the utmost Security we conceive Property of such public Utility and Value in such iminent Danger as you make mention of should not be delayed a Moment from a removal, which we desire you will do as soon as you possibly can and hope in Future you may not wait the Directions of this Board in like Cases. we consent to suspend the Draught in Harford until 1^st^ Day of May.

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[Council to Mr. Poe.]

Ibid.

We are still in Want of Flour and shall be obliged to you to continue to send until further Orders, and particularly by the Waggons you may impress and forward to the Head of Severn

Thursday 5^th^ April 1781

April 5
Liber C. B.
No. 24
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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to George P. Keeports six hundred pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Stoddert Esq^r^ five hundred pounds Continental Currency in part of an Order drawn by Major Gen^l^ Gates in favor of Col^o^ Thomas Polk dated the 14^th^ of August 1780 for one hundred thousand pounds Lawful Money of Virginia.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Kilty of the 5^th^ Regim^t^ ten pounds thirteen shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said William Kilty sixteen Gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of sugar due him to the 1^st^ Ins^t^

[Council to Richard Barnes, Esqr.]

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We wrote you yesterday to which we refer since which we have received yours of the 3^d^ Instant; we think the Number of Horses mentioned in our last fully sufficient, the extra Number of Cartridge Boxes with such a Quantity of Powder as you may think necessary shall be sent with the Arms, enclosed is an order on Capt Ford to supply Provisions for the Militia on your Order

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[Council to Capt. Ford.]

You will furnish the Militia of St. Mary's County with such Provisions as Col Barnes may order.

Ibid.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.]

We agree with you in Opinion of the Propriety and Necessity of calling the Militia of Baltimore into immediate Service for the Defence and Protection of the Place. The Number requisite for this Service, we conceive you best acquainted with; and therefore request you may order out what Number you think proper. You will procure what Arms and Accoutrements will be sufficient and every other Necessary from the Magazine. You will fix on and settle such Signals as may answer the End proposed, of calling the Militia of the County to any Point you please.

Ibid.

[Council to Joseph Wilkinson, Esqr.]

We have received your Letter of the 27th of March respecting the Depredations committed and continued by the Enemy on the Coasts of your County. We approve of your ordering out a Guard of Militia and securing all the Boats and Craft. While the Enemy's Ship and Vessels continue near you, Guards will be necessary but your own Prudence will point out to you not to draw a greater Number of Militia than what are absolutely necessary. As we suppose the Militia will be releived frequently we expect they can readily supply themselves with Provisions but if there are any who cannot, you must apply to Mr Patrick Smith the Commissary for such quantity as you may find necessary. Let what Recruits are obtained in your County be sent to this Place

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Friday 6th April 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Henry Lyles of the 3d Regimt late a prisoner fifty pounds agreeable to a Resolution of the Genl Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Davidson Esqr one hundred and fifty pounds of the new Emission in lieu of sixteen thousand Dollars Continental Currency in full of an Order of the 25th February last drawn by Major Genl Greene in favor of Captain John Davidson

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green Esqr one thousand Dollars on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Peregrine Fitzhugh of Baylors Corps one hundred and eight pounds, eleven shillings and three pence and Twenty four pounds and eleven pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Hartshorn Ten pounds and seven pence half penny due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud. April 6 Liber C. B. No. 24

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Kilty of Baylors Corps Twenty four pounds and eleven pence farthing due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. G^{l} p. 67

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esquire seven pounds ten shillings on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt Pereguine Fitzhugh & Lieut John Kilty each, thirty Gallons of Rum & one hundred and twenty pounds of Sugar and also to Lieut Hartshorn twenty one & a half Gallons of Rum & thirty seven pounds of Sugar due them to the 1st Ins^{t}

Commissions issued to Bennett Dyson appointed Capt. in the room of John Parnham in the 12th Batt of Militia & also to Geo Dunnington app^{d} Ens. of Capt. Sam^{l} Lucketts Comp^{y} in the 26th Batt. of Mil^{a} Charles County.

Ordered that M^{r} John Bullen be requested to provide such neces- p. 68 saries for the Soldiers to be innoculated as Doct^{r} Murray may direct and that he procure a House for the Reception of such of the poor now in the poor House as have not had the small pox.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.] April 6 Liber No. 78

Your's of the 4th we received and think it necessary that Arms p. 110 should be put into the Hands of all the well affected Militia of Baltimore Town, and that Guards each to consist of such a Number as you may think necessary to be taken from the Town Militia should be ordered out on Duty immediately to prevent the Town from being surprised and to protect the Magazine and Stores. We esteem it highly proper that Signals should be agreed on and established to warn to assemble the County Militia when their Assistance may be requisite to Cooperate with the Militia of the Town.

[Council to The Delegates in Congress.] Ibid.

The Treasury is in the same State as when we wrote to you, but expect a considerable Part of the Taxes will be paid in the Course of this Month, we cannot promise that you shall have the Money by the next Post, but we hope to be able to furnish it, as we have requested the Treasurer to lay by the Sum you require of the first that may be paid in, we are much distressed for the Plates for the small Denominations of our State Money, and the paper for printing them, the Prices of Articles having raised considerably for the want of small change. We shall be obliged to you to inform us when they may be expected.

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p. 110 [Council to Patrick Sim Smith, Esqr.]

Col. Fitzhugh informs us that he has a Quantity of State Flour in his Mill which may be in Danger from the Enemy. We request you to remove it to Lower Marlboro as soon as a safe Opportunity appears by water

Ibid. [Council to Col. Fitzhugh.]

We have received your Letter of the 5th and have made the Application you desired to Genl Smallwood for the Release of John Clare upon the Terms you mention, which he has consented to. With regard to the Flour at your Mill we think it would be proper to remove it to a Place of greater Security, and perhaps Lower Marlbro would be sufficiently safe and convenient, for that Purpose; we enclose a Letter
p. 111 to Mr Patrick Sim Smith Commissary of Calvert which you will be pleased to forward to him

Ibid. [Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

There is an absolute Necessity that a quantity of Forage should be immediately provided at the Posts of Elk Baltimore and George Town on Patowmack, we therefore request that you will give Directions to the Commissarys of Cecil Baltimore and Montgomery to purchase the Forage hereafter mentioned, Cecil 2000 Bushels of Corn and fifteen Tons of Hay for the Post of Elk, Baltimore 2000 Bushels of Corn, and ten Tons of Hay for that Post, Montgomery 2000 Bushels of Corn and five Tons of Hay for the Post at George Town.

Ibid. [Council to James Brice, Esqr.]

We request you to order the Company of Select Militia in this City on immediate Duty.

Ibid. [Council to The Inhabitants of Baltimore Town.]

It is our most earnest Desire that Baltimore Town should be put in a proper State of Defence, and that effectual Measures should be taken to prevent the Inhabitants of the Town being surprized and plundered, which we apprehend may be done without incurring the enormous Expence that must arise from embodying and ordering on Duty the whole of the Militia of the Town, and therefore cannot comply with your Requisition in the full Extent of it. We think by keeping a sufficient Militia Guard and putting Arms into the Hands of all the well affected Militia of the Town, and agreeing on and establishing Signals to warn and assemble the County Militia, that the Inhabitants cannot be surprised, and will be enabled to make effectual Resistance and repel a considerable Party of the Enemy. We have requested the Lieutenant of Baltimore County to arm all the well affected Militia belonging to the Town and to order out such

a Guard of the Town Militia as he may judge necessary and to agree on and establish proper Signals for warning and assembling the County Militia on the Approach of the Enemy. The Ships left us last Night and had proceeded down as low as poplar Island when our Look out Boat returned. April 6 Liber No. 78 p. 111 p. 112

[Council to Mr. William Lyles, Junr.] Ibid.

We have seen your Proposals relative to the Shads. We agree to your Terms and expect that you will take particular Care that the Fish are well cured in every way necessary; and that the Quantity in each Barrel be marked and your Account delivered in on the Oath either of yourself or the Person who packs the Fish, we think it will be best to have one third pickled and two thirds smoaked. We agree to take sixty thousand or a greater Quantity if you can supply us with them, for the Salt necessary apply to M^r^ Henry Rozier who will on our Order deliver it. If you are disappointed there, borrow it for the States Account and it shall be repaid.

[Council to Mr. Donaldson Yeates.] Ibid.

The Detachment under the Marquis Fayette are on their way to the Head of Elk, and a Number of Waggons will be absolutely necessary to transport the Stores and Baggage to Christeen. The Marquis has promised us that he will apportion the Number equally between this State and the State of Delaware, we therefore request you to impress as many Waggons Teams and Drivers as he may apply for.

Saturday 7^th^ April 1781 April 7 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 68

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to George Adams five pounds eighteen shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. G^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^r^ Thomas eighteen shillings for the use of Francis Pierpoint due him per Account passed by the A. G^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker five pounds Seventeen shillings & Six pence due him per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Boyle one hundred & five pounds sixteen shillings and ten pence half penny due him ꝑ Acc^t^ passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Lansdale of the 4^th^ Reg^t^ eleven pounds four shillings and five pence due him ꝑ Acc^t^ passed by the A. G^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Ensign John Sears of the 2^d^ Reg^t^ nine pounds and six pence three farthings due him per Acc^t^ passed by the D. Aud.

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That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Thoˢ Lansdale fourteen Gallons of Rum & fifty six pounds of Sugar due him to this Instant and also to Ens. John Sears, ten Gallons of Rum & forty pounds of Sugar due him to the 1ˢᵗ Instant.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Thomas Lansdale Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths & Linen for two Shirts in part of the Articles allowed by the General Assembly for the present year

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to John D. Thompson Esqʳ Lieut of Cecil County one Barrel Musket powder, five hundred flints and one hundred Cartridge Boxes on Account.

April 7
Liber No. 78 p. 112

[Council to Joshua Beall, Esqr.]

We have sent the Commissions for the County and Orphans Court, we have it not in our Power at present to send you the Arms for the select Militia; but will furnish as many as may be immediately wanted if you will send a Waggon for them. The Capᵗˢ of the Companies we have no Doubt will order the Place of Muster the most convenient to the People who compose those Companies The Law is express relative to the old Continental Convention and Act of Assembly Money, the new State or continental State Monies are only in Circulation, consequently the old continental cannot be taken in Payment for Taxes or any other public Due

Ibid. p. 113

[Council to Mr. David Poe.]

We observe in your Letter of the 30ᵗʰ March that there are several impressed Vessels lying at Baltimore, and as the Purpose for which they were impressed is at an End, we desire that the Vessels may be discharged immediately.

Ibid.

[Council to Henry Rozier, Esqr.]

Having agreed with Col Lyles for a Quantity of Fish to be cured for the use of the State, we have to request that you will deliver to him or his Order what Salt then is in your Hands, belonging to the Continent and take his receipt for such Quantity of Bushels as you deliver and transmit the Counter Parts to this Board.

April 8
Liber No. 78 p. 113

[Council to Naval Officer, Baltimore.]

Mʳ Masters having applied to us for Permission to return to New Providence, we now conceive every Obstacle to his Departure removed and have given him our Approbation accordingly, you will take leave that Mʳ Masters leaves the Port of Baltimore on the Terms heretofore granted by this Board.

[Council to Legh Masters, Esqr.] April 8
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Yours of the 4th Instant we have received, respecting Permission p. 113
to return to New Providence you have our Approbation to depart and by this opportunity we have directed to naval Officer of the Port of Baltimore to give you the necessary Permit on the Terms heretofore granted you by this Board.

[Council to the Marquis Fayette.] Ibid.

We have just received Information from Col. Beall Lieutenant of Prince Georges County that six of the Enemy's Ships have burnt Col. Barnes house on St. Mary's River and plundered him of all his Property, and have burnt Preist Hunters House at the Mouth of Port Tobacco Creek and are proceeding up Patowmack River to Alex- p. 114
andria with [every] Intention to destroy that Town and plunder the Inhabitants on the River. The Ships that laid off this City returned this Morning with a Brig and a small Schooner and stood up the Bay 'till they got above the Mouth of the Harbour, and then tacked and stood down, many concurring Accounts lately received induces us to believe that Genl Philips with not less than two thousand Men has arrived at Portsmouth From these Facts we think we are justified in concluding that the Enemy have in Contemplation, the effecting a Junction with Cornwallis which if accomplished must terminate in the Destruction or Dispersion of the Southern Army if not strongly and timely reinforced, the plundering Harrassing and distressing the People on the Shores, the destroying our Town, and military Stores and getting Possession of the Provisions that have been collected for our Army; The military Stores and Provisions at this Place and Baltimore Town must be a capital Object and as we have the strongest reasons to think as soon as they have perpetrated their Designs in Patowmack, if not before they will visit this City and Baltimore, under these Circumstances we beg Leave to submit to your Consideration the Propriety of detaining the Detachment under your Command in this State and marching such a Part as you may deem necessary to our Assistance in Baltimore Town and in this City.

[Council to Genl Buchanan.] Ibid.

We have just received Intelligence from Col. Joshua Beall of Prince George's County, that there are six of the Enemy's Ships in Patowmack supposed to be on their way to Alexandria after plundering Col. Richard Barnes of St Mary's of all his Property and burning all his Houses with Priest Hunters House in the Mouth of Port Tobacco Creek. This Morning two Ships a Brigg and a Schooner appeared off this Harbour, and after looking in have proceeded down and are now below Tally's Point, what their Intentions are we cannot possibly say, but from what has been done by them we have

April 8 not a Doubt but they intend to plunder and burn every Thing before
Liber No. 78 them and in all Probability Baltimore Town will be an Object with
p. 114 them from the Quantity of Property both public and private stored in the Town. We would recommend a Removal of all the valuable
p. 115 Property and spare Provision into the County immediately, for whilst so much Property is in the Town it will be an Inducement with the Enemy to attempt to gain Possession of it, which might not be the Case if the Property was removed. You are hereby empowered to call on Duty the whole or such Numbers of the Militia of Baltimore Town as you may think necessary.

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Monday 9th April 1781

Ordered that Capt. Philemon Warfield deliver to John Turnbull one hundred and fifty stand of Arms with Accoutrements & one hundred and twenty spare Cartridge Boxes to be delivered over to Colº Joshua Beall Seventy five stand with Accoutrements to the Lieut of Charles County and also the further number of Fifty stand of Arms with Accoutrements, one Barrel of Cannon & one Keg of Musket powder to be by him delivered over to Colº Joshua Beall of Prince Georges County to be by him forwarded to Colº John Murdock Lieut of Montgomery County for the use of the Militia of said County.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Coe twenty eight pounds per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William McBryde Commry of Purchases for Somerset County six hundred pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Steele forty four pounds five shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the A. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Johnson fifty two pounds, two shillings and six pence due Wm Johnson and also one hundred and eighty pounds due himself ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

p. 69 Ordered that the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Colº Henry Hollingsworth five hundred and eighty one pounds sixteen shillings and two pence to be delivered over to Barruch Williams due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl. and also the further sum of three hundred and eleven pounds due himself ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to James Shoan of the 2nd Regt one Coat one Vest one pair Overalls, one Shirt, one hat and one pair of Shoes, and also to John Bullen Esqr such Articles as are necessary for the soldiers under innoculation and agreeable to returns to be made by Doctr Murray.

Commissions issued to Joseph Dawson appointed first Lieut Thomas Henry Howard second Lieut and Beriah Maybury Ensign of Capt. Samuel Harvey Howards Company of Militia in the City of Annapolis. April 9 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 69

[Council to Col. Ware.] April 9 Liber No. 78

We have made use of the opportunity by some Waggons sent by Col. Joshua Beall for Arms &ca for the Militia of Prince George's County of forwarding to you seventy five Stand of Arms with Accoutrements for the use of the Militia of your County. p. 115

[Council to John Murdock, Esqr.] Ibid.

Yours of the 7th Instant is received. It is our Intention to give every Assistance in our power to the neighbouring States, and with you to assist Virginia on this Emergency if it can be done without leaving George Town and the Neighbourhood exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy, which must depend on Circumstances that cannot possibly be foreseen by us and therefore we submit the Propriety of it to your Discretion The Prisoners with you except Dixon, we would if possibly can be done have exchanged for Capt William Middleton taken by the British Fleet in Virginia of the State Boat Dolphin and two of his Crew whom he may make Choice of, we have wrote to the Commissary of Montgomery to furnish the Militia which may be called into Service with Provisions on your Order. You will send the Recruits to this Place, tho we cannot legally order them from the County before they are Cloathed yet we supposed they will not have any objection when we engage that they shall not be ordered from this until they are cloathed, indeed it is absolutely necessary that they should be drawn to a Point that they may be properly disciplined before they are called into the Field and may be better provided here than they possibly can be with you when a Return of the Enrollment of the Select Militia is made we shall be more able to judge of the Propriety of commissioning Mr John Hammond Nicholls. We have p. 116 sent fifty stand of Arms with Accoutrements one Keg of Musket and a Barrell of Cannon Powder to Col Joshua Beall of Prince George's County to be immediately forwarded to you

[Council to Major Genl Smallwood.] Ibid.

Thomas Travers, Alexander Philips and Drummond Cramphin are taken up and confined on Suspicion of treasonable Practices, our Goals are so in secure, that it is needless to attempt to confine them in that way we therefore request you will order your Guard to take Charge of them.

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p. 116 [Council to Alexander Hanson, Esqr.]

Thomas Travers, Alexander Philips and Drummond Cramphin have been sent to this Board for Examination, charged with adhering to and trading with the Enemy, we are so much engaged at Present that we cannot go into their Examination; we shall be much obliged to you to examine the Papers enclosed and if you shall be of Opinion that there is not sufficient Evidence for you to confine them you will inform us.

Ibid. [Council to Col. Joshua Beall.]

We wrote you this Morning by M^r^ Turnbull since which we have received a Letter from the Lieutenant of Montgomery requesting some Arms with Accoutrements. We have given M^r^ Turnbull an Order for fifty Stand of Arms with Accoutrements, a Barrell of Cannon and one keg of musquet Powder to be delivered to you and which we request you to forward immediately to John Murdock Esq^r^ Lieutenant of Montgomery.

Ibid. [Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.]

The Militia of Prince George's County called in Service will require an immediate Supply of Provisions. We therefore require you to collect with all possible Dispatch as much as will answer their
p. 117 Demands while in Service. You are not to make use of what you have on Hand as that will be wanted for other Purposes; but you are to endeavour to procure from the Inhabitants what may be necessary; and if that Mode will not answer, you are hereby required and authorised to seize the Quantity necessary for the Supply of the Militia from those who can best spare it, for which you are to give Certificates Specifying the kind and Quality so seized by you. As Frugality in the Expenditure is absolutely necessary, you are to take the Quarter Masters receipt for what you deliver him, and that he be ordered not to deliver more than the common Ration to each Man. The want of Provision at this Post requires us to order on what you have on Hand [to be sent] on immediately, which we desire may be done without Loss of Time.

Ibid. [Council to Col. Joshua Beall.]

We received yours by M^r^ Turnbull, whenever you give us any Information respecting public Matters we wish you to be more explicit whether it is given from your own knowledge or from Report with the Particulars that we may be better enabled to judge what Conduct to pursue. We cannot spare the Number of Arms you request as it has been necessary to embody Part of the Militia of this County, and pressing Demands are made by the Lieutenant of St. Mary's County, you may however depend on having at least one hundred and twenty from M^r^ West. M^r^ Turnbull will deliver you

one hundred and fifty Stand with Accoutrements and one hundred and twenty spare Cartridge Boxes, seven hundred and fifty stand of the Arms now sent with Accoutrements you are to have conveyed immediately to the Lieutenant of Charles County, what we have now sent you with what you will receive from M[r] West will be the full Proportion for your County of the public Arms. April 9 Liber No. 78 p. 117

Tuesday 10[th] April 1781 April 10 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 69

Ordered that Capt. Philemon Warfield deliver to John Allen Thomas Esquire one hundred Stand of Arms with Accoutrements complete and two quarter Casks of Musket powder to be delivered over to Col[o] Richard Barnes Lieutenant of St. Marys County and also twenty five Muskets with Accoutrem[ts] complete two quarter Casks of Musket powder, five hundred Gun flints and two quire of Cartridge paper for the Lieut of Charles County for the use of the Militia of said Counties.

That the Armourer deliver to the said John Allen Thomas five hundred Gunflints five quire of Cartridge paper and all the Cartridge Boxes to be delivered over to Richard Barnes for the use aforesaid.

That Christopher Edelin Esq[r] Collector of the Tax for Frederick County pay to Col[o] James Wood three hundred and seventy five Dollars of the new Emission agreeable to a Resolution of Congress of the 24[th] Current to be charged to the United States, and also to George Murdock Commissary of Provisions for the Convention Troops one hundred pounds to be by him Accounted for.

That the western Shore Treasurer pay to Col[o] Moses Rawlings one hundred and fifty Dollars for the use of Capt John Reid, and also the further sum of two hundred Dollars on Account.

[Council to Capt. Warfield.] April 10 Liber No. 78 p. 117

You will deliver to John Allen Thomas Esq[r] twenty five Musquets with Accoutrements compleat, two quarter Casks of Musquet Powder five hundred Gun Flints and two Quire Cartridge Paper for the Lieutenant of Charles County. We request you will make an immediate Return of all the Military Stores that are under your Care, and what you have delivered.

[Council to Capt. Nicholas Ruxton Moore.] p. 118

Your's of the 7[th] Instant respecting a Trumpet for the Troop we have received and also M[r] Ridley's Application to the same Purpose. We are extremely sorry to inform you, it is not in our Power to supply you with the Trumpet, we had only two and they were long since delivered to Count Pulaski

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[Council to Mr. Charles Blake.]

We are really much distressed for fresh Provisions. There was a Sufficient Supply for this Post until the Detachment under the Marquis Fayette came, which we were obliged to furnish, you will send all the Salt Provisions in your Possession, immediately to this Place provided it can be done with Safety of which you will be the best Judge

Ibid.

[Council to Thomas Sprig, Esqr.]

We wrote you on the third Instant to furnish Col. Wood with such Numbers of the Militia of your County as he may think necessary with the Militia indeed from Frederick Town to guard the Convention Troops to Fort Frederick. In Case Col. Rawlings should have the Charge of them whilst at Fort Frederick which we hope and expect he will, we request you to order on Duty so many of the Militia as he may request to act as a Guard over them which Militia shall be relieved on Application by you to this Board by other Militia when their Tour of Duty is done

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. George Murdock.]

Intelligence we have just received renders it necessary the Convention Troops should be removed to Fort Frederick without Delay, and therefore request you to supply Col Wood with what Provision
p. 119 may be wanted and to give him your Assistance in obviating every Difficulty that may arise to prolong their departure. Enclosed you have an Order on the Collector of Frederick County for one thousand Dollars of the new Emission. If you cannot procure Provisions or Purchase Waggons with Teams and Drivers on Hire for the use of and to assist in the Removal of the Convention Troops we hereby empower you to impress what may be necessary.

Ibid.

[Council to Col. Rawlings.]

We have wrote to Col. Wood to give you the Command of the Prisoners ordered into Confinement at Fort Frederick, we hope and expect our Recommendation will have the desired Effect, should you be appointed to the Command we request you to take the Direction of such Militia as may be ordered to guard them, and hereby in such Case direct all Militia Officers, and Militia Men acting as Guards over them to obey your Orders which we have no Doubt they will most chearfully do. In Case you should not be able to procure Waggons at a reasonable Price we by this empower you to impress such waggons Teams and Drivers as may be necessary for the Carriage of Provisions and Fuel for the Prisoners which are or may hereafter be ordered in your Charge.

[Council to Col. John Wood.] April 10
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We expected before we received yours of the 7th Instant that the p. 119
Convention Troops were on their March to Fort Frederick, indeed such is the Complexion of Affairs that we think their Removal ought not to be deferred a Moment under any Pretext whatever and therefore most earnestly solicit you to have them sent on immediately without regarding Difficulties that may hereafter occur at that Post. Mr Murdock is well supplied with Provision and will furnish what is necessary for the Guard and the Prisoners on their way; to enable you to bear the Expence of the Officer to be sent with the British p. 120
Officers to Connecticut, we have enclosed you an Order for
on the Collector of Frederick County, and hope your Indulgence to the Officers to remain until 25th to adjust their Affairs will be revoked and Measures taken for their immediate Departure. If the Officers should complain of your deviating from your Permission, our Direction may be mentioned to justify you and Silence their Complaints. We cannot give Surgeon Carroll Leave to visit his Relation on East Ridge. As Col. Rawlings by Appointment of the Board of war on our Recommendation has always had the Prisoners of War at Fort Frederick under his Care and Direction, we wish if you can do it consistent with Propriety that the Convention Troops when removed to that Post may be put under his Superintendence and Authority, as he could from his Acquaintance and Intimacy with most of the People of that Country provide for their Support better than any stranger possibly could.

[Council to Mr. Stephen Steward.] Ibid.

We want a Galley built immediately and wish to treat with you on that Subject.

[Council to Col. Ware.] Ibid.

We sent to the Care of Col Beall of Prince Georges County Seventy five Stand of Arms with Accoutrements compleat, requesting him to forward them to you, we now send you by John Allen Thomas Esqr twenty five Stand of Arms with Accoutrements compleat, two quarter Casks of Musquet Powder, five hundred Gun Flints and two Quire Cartridge Paper with Directions to have conveyed to you with all possible Dispatch. You'll order out such Numbers of the Militia of your County as are necessary to protect the Inhabitants from the Ravages of the Enemy and apply to the Commissary of Charles for Provisions for them. We hereby empower you to impress such Vessels with their Hands Carriage Horses and other draft Cattle Geers and Drivers as you may judge necessary and proper for the Service, to perform Carriage mount the Militia or go on Expresses, You will also remove all the Horses Stock or Provisions from any Neck or Shore where there may appear to you a Probability of their falling into the Hands of the Enemy.

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[Council to Special Council.]

The enclosed Copies of Letters this Moment received will inform you of the Designs of Gen[l] Clinton to take Post at new Castle on Delaware If that Event takes place and the Enemy maintain their Superiority in our Bay all Communication between us both by Land and Water must cease; the Situation of your Shore will be truly alarming, the plundering Parties of the Enemy assisted by the disaffected among you (who are always ready to demonstrate their Enmity to our Government) will rob the Inhabitants of their property and practise every Species of Cruelty and Barbarity; being under this Impression and feeling the Distresses in which the Inhabitants of your Shore may be involved, we are anxiously solicitous that Measures should be taken to prevent those Evils and suggest to your Consideration the Necessity of immediately disarming and Securing all those Persons whose Conduct induce you to Suspect them of Disaffection to the State and the Propriety of removing immediately all the public Stores which will not be wanted on such Emergency to some place of Safety on this Shore, and the driving all the Stock which may be in Danger of falling into the Possession of the Enemy to Places of Security on the western Shore. If any further Measures can be devised that will be in any Manner Serviceable to the Inhabitants of the Eastern Shore we will most chearfully adopt them and do our utmost to carry them into Execution and request you would communicate whatever you are of opinion will contribute to our Defence and Security.

Ibid.

[Council to Col. Richard Barnes.]

We have given John Allen Thomas Esq[r] orders to receive one hundred Stand of Arms with Accoutrements compleate, all the small Cartridge Boxes, two quarter Casks of Musquet Powder five hundred Gun Flints and five Quires of Cartridge Paper, which is every thing that can possibly be spared and which is your full proportion. You will remove all the Horses, Stock and Provisions from any Neck, Shore or Island within your County where [you] think there is any Probability of their falling into the Hands of the Enemy and if the Inhabitants of St. Georges Island should refuse to remove and you should think their Continuance there prejudicial to the State, you will
p. 122 also have them removed to the main. We hereby empower you [to] take such Vessels with their Hands, Carriage Horses and other Draft Cattle, Geers and Drivers as you may judge necessary, and proper for the Service of the State to perform Carriage mount the Militia to go on Expresses. Every Person who comes from the Enemy should be secured and should be sent under Guard to this Board with such Evidence as you may be able to procure against them to be given in on oath.

Wednesday 11th April 1781

April 11
Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 69

Ordered that the Armourer deliver to Charles Hackett forty Gun Locks to be delivered over to William Bordley Esqr Lieut of Kent County and also to Colo Weems fifty pounds of Lead, one quarter Cask of powder & one quire of Cartridge paper for the use of the Militia of Ann Arundel County.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro thirty six pounds, thirteen shillings & one penny due him p Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker eleven pounds, five shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jubb Fowler Messenger to the Govr & Council thirty one pounds five shillings on Account of his Salary.

Danmund Cramphin of Calvert County having been charged with disaffection and having intercourse with the Enemy, was brought before this Board and there appearing no Evidence to support the Charge he is therefore hereby discharged.

Ordered that James Govane Contr for Horses in Baltimore County deliver to John Bullen all the public Horses in his possession.

[Council to Col. Joshua Beall.]

April 11
Liber No. 78 p. 122

This Moment your Letter of this Date was put into our Hands with its several Enclosures. We think with you that it would be very Hazardous to march the Militia of Prince George's County out of the State, and though we are anxiously solicitous for the Safety of Alexandria, we can by no means consent to your abandoning the Posts of this State much exposed to the Enemy. We have given Col. Murdock Instructions to give every Assistance to Virginia he can consistently with the Safety of George Town and its Vicinity; it is from that Part of the State only we can with Convenience and Security give the desired Aid. You will make every Exertion to protect the Inhabitants and their Property on the Coast and in Case you judge it proper, we request you to have the Horse Stock and Provisions immediately removed from the Necks, Shores and other Places within the Enemy's reach. The Waggon brought up this Afternoon by Turnbull is dispatched, and if the Arms sent to your Care for Charles County are not forwarded; We again beg Leave to press the Necessity of sending them without the least Delay.

[Council to John Murdock, Esqr.]

Ibid.

Genl Smallwood has informed this Board that there are Several field Pieces and a Quantity of Military Stores at George Town belonging to the Continent that ought immediately to be removed up

April 11 Liber No. 78 p. 122 p. 123 into the County and without Waggons Teams and Drivers are procured it will be impossible, we therefore hereby empower and request you to impress such Numbers of Waggons Teams and Drivers and Horses as may be sufficient to remove the Artillery and Stores under Charge of Ensign Sears to such Place or Places as he may order should you think it necessary to remove any Horses Cattle or Provisions from the Stores. we hereby direct you to do it.

Ibid. [Council Circular to all the Counties except Baltimore and Harford.]

We have been induced to suspend the Drafts in Several of the Counties until the first Day of May next and we think it expedient to extend it to all the Counties, you will therefore suspend the Draft in your County until the First Day of May next. We request you to remove all the Tobacco from such warehouses as you may think exposed to Danger and liable to be plundered by the Enemy to places of Safety Col Ware to be added to the circular Letter for suspending the Draft.

Ibid. [Council to William Bordley, Esqr.]

Yours respecting the Locks we have received and have sent you forty, the Number mentioned in your former Letter. We are happy to find you so successful in recruiting, and think with you that a Draft may be dispensed with for the Present and we now order it to be suspended accordingly until the 1st Day of May.

Ibid. [Council to Mr Charles Blake.]

You will deliver to Mr Holmes what Salt Provisions you have on Hand. We desire you to dispatch the Vessel immediately as we are now without Provisions to supply the Troops and others in public Service at this place.

April 12 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 70 Thursday 12th April 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Zachariah Duvall fifty one pounds thirteen shillings and four pence due him per Acct passed by the A. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Issabell one pound thirteen shillings and nine pence and two pounds sixteen shillings and three pence due her per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Hannah May one pound seventeen shillings and six pence due her per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Allen Thomas Esqr twenty four pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Twenty five Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esq[r] Eighteen pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] April 12 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 70

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. John Mitchell ten Camp Kettles for the Detachment of Regulars under his Command which are to be returned.

That the Armourer deliver to Capt John Mitchell twenty five stand of Arms with Accoutrements complete for the recruits to be returned, and also to John Ridgeway eighty Cartridges Boxes to be delivered over to Col[o] Joshua Beall Lieut of Prince Georges County for the use of the Militia of the said County.

That Capt Philmon Warfield deliver to John Ridgeway thirty Muskets with Accoutrements complete to be delivered to Col[o] Joshua Beall for the use of the Militia aforesaid.

That William McLaughlin Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to James Calhoun Esq[r] two thousand pounds and also to Thomas Donnellan five hundred pounds, on Account.

Commissions issued to Frederick Deames appointed Captain in the room of George Ackerman & Stephen Shelmerdine first Lieut in the Balt[o] Town Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

[Council to Col. James Brice.]

April 12 Liber No. 78 p. 123

As the Number of continental Soldiers are considerably augmented in this City, we think it unnecessary that the Militia from the Country should be marched in we therefore ask you to discharge those that were heretofore ordered to the Fort from the Country

[Council to Mathew Ridley, Esqr.]

Ibid. p. 124

We think the Certificate we gave you for specie cannot be received for the one fifth of the Sum for the confiscated Property purchased by you, which by the Law is to be paid in Specie, because it was the Design of the Act to procure a Loan to get a sum of specie into the Treasury which is appropriated to particular Purposes. The relieving the Officers in Captivity, the purchasing Cloathing for the Recruits &[ca] &[ca] and it is not in our Power to dispense with that Appropriation, and apply the Specie to other uses which would be done by allowing your Certificate to be paid in Lieu of Specie as soon as those important Purposes of the Law are annexed, it will give us Pleasure to satisfy your Certificate.

[Council to John Rogers, Thomas Contee, Joseph Sim Esq[rs].]

Ibid.

Yours of yesterdays Date, we have received, and lament it is not in our Power to supply the Militia with such Military Stores as are sufficient for their Defence, and necessary to prevent the Depredations of the Enemy. We had sent and ordered to be delivered to

April 12 Liber No. 78 p. 124 the Lieutenant of Prince George's County one hundred and ninety three Stand of Arms with Accoutrements compleat, which is a large Proportion of what we have, but on your Application and considering the Spirit and Zeal of the Militia of Prince George's County, we have gone beyond what is the common Proportion and sent thirty Stand more with Accoutrements and fifty Spare Cartridge Boxes. We approve of arming thirty of the Militia to act as Horsemen and think they render very great Services, but we have it not in our Power to furnish them with Swords.

Ibid. [Council to Joshua Beall, Esqr.]

We have sent you by this opportunity an additional Number of thirty Horse to serve in your County, as they will answer on Emergencies to alarm the Country much better than Foot, and whenever we may be able to equip them, we shall do it with Pleasure, but at present it is not in our Power.

p. 125 [Council to Marquis La Fayette.]

We were honored with your Letter of the 10th Instant, a sufficient Number of Militia may be always collected to deter the Marines of the armed Vessel and Privateers from landing and repel them if they should, which makes us perfectly easy on their Account, and although we coincide with [you] in opinion, while the British continue superior on the water, their Advantages are such [that] our Attempts to make opposition at any particular Point may be rendered negatory by their changing their Design, and carrying on their operations else where yet we must suggest that some Towns and Places from their Situation and other Circumstances of Moment must be greater Objects of Attention than others and more likely to be attacked. We have the strongest and most irrefragable Proof of your Zeal to advance the Interest and happiness of the States and knew that [that] alone was sufficient to prompt you to comply with our Requisition if restricted Instructions and other Objects had not made it improper, your Resolution to march with the greatest Rapidity to reinforce the southern Army imparts to us the greatest Pleasure and merits our warmest Applause, and your halting at such Points as would enable you to give the most speedy Assistance to either of the three Towns you mention would be highly agreeable, yet we do not wish that the temporary Relief that would be derived from your Stay among us should impede your moving rapidly to the Succour of the Southern Army. We have issued Orders to M^{r} Poe to collect at Baltimore what waggons and Horses may be necessary for your Detachment and required M^{r} James Calhoun our Commissary at Baltimore to provide for your use a Number of fine Cattle and a quantity of Flour, you may depend on finding every Thing furnished agreeable to our

Desires. Your Stores that were left at the Indian Landing were ordered to be removed to George Town on Patowmack, but when we were apprised of the Enemy's Intentions against Alexandria, Orders were given to stop them ten Miles on this side which is unquestionably a Place of Security and in your Route from Baltimore to the Southward. We are convinced the disaffected and Emissaries of the Enemy are dispersed through the State, and are busy in collecting and supplying them with Provision, and communicating every kind of Intelligence by which Means they have Notice of all our Preparations and Movements. It is our Desire that Examples should be made of them in the speediest Manner whenever detached. We have directed the Lieutenant of Harford County to go to Gun Powder Creek, and make immediate Inquiry after Major McPherson, that Part of the County is well affected and we think you need not be uneasy about his Safety; a Letter from a Gentleman of Alexandria mailed at 7 °Clock yesterday Morning informs us that the Enemy are moving up Patowmack in considerable Force consisting of eight Vessels of various Sizes, that the last Accounts say they are above Dumfries and that they have no Doubt but that they are intended against Alexandria, where every Exertion is making to oppose them, we shall give you most speedy and frequent Intelligence of every movement and Design of the Enemy as soon as it is obtained.

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[Council to David Poe, Esqr.] Ibid.

The Detachment under the Marquis Fayette is on its way from Elk to the Southward, and is to take Baltimore in their Route a Number of Waggons Teams and Drivers with Horses will be wanting to releive those brought from Elk and to transport the Artillery Stores and Baggage we cannot ascertain the Number necessary but expect the Marquis will send an Officer forward to have them ready and therefore desire and authorise you to impress such Numbers of Waggons Teams and Drivers and Horses as the Marquis may order.

[Council to Capt. Keeports.] Ibid.

We request you will forward immediately six Barrels of Musquet Powder to the Head of Severn, which is to be delivered to Capt. Philemon Warfield, in complying with this Order you will take care not to leave the Magazine at Baltimore destitute of musquet Powder, and if this order wil comprehend all you have, you will diminish the quantity to be sent. You will send us a Return of the Powder &ca under your care distinguishing the musquet from the Cannon Powder

[Council to Benjamin Griffith.] Ibid.
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The Troops under the Marquis Fayette are on their way to the Southward and are to take Baltimore Town in their Route, and will

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want Provisions We therefore request you to purchase Provisions for them and if you are not able to procure on Purchase, we hereby authorise and empower to seize such Provisions as may be necessary for the Troops, live Cattle will be most acceptable

Ibid.

[Council to Richard Dallam, Esqr.]

By a letter received from the Marquis, he informs us that when he was going up the Bay two Men came on Board the Fleet with the Detachment under his Command, having been induced to mistake them for British, and gave every Intelligence in their Power, offering to guide him to several Places on the Shore and telling him they had been on Board the Hope, and had supplied the Enemy with Provisions and offered to pilot them to a Place where they had a Sloop loaded with Flour and ready to slip off to Portsmouth; in Consequence of which the Marquis dispatched Major M^{c}Pherson and six Men with one of those who gave the Information with Intent to seize the Sloop and Flour they were to land in Gun Powder Creek where the Sloop lay as the Marquis had not heard from Major McPherson he seems uneasy for Fear some Disaster might have befallen him. We request you will immediately make Inquiry for the Major and render him every necessary Aid in your Power. You will also give the Marquis at the Head of Elk the earliest Information you may collect on this Subject.

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Friday 13th April 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Denton Hammond thirty Dollars per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith one hundred and nine pounds ten Shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

Commissions issued to John H. Nicholls appointed Captain Thomas Nicholls Lieut. & John Jones En. of a Select Company of Militia raised in Montgomery County.

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[Sp^{l} Council Instructions to Mes^{s} Gold and Emory]

You are to proceed with all possible Dispatch to Phil^{a} for the Arms and Ammunition and on your way call on W^{m} Deford near Churchhill, who you are to appoint Waggon Master on this Occasion and inform him and other Team Drivers whom you may have occasion to take into the service, when you think they may arrive at the City so that they may meet with no Delay there. If you find that the Enemy are destined for the Delaware, you'd do well to apply to our members in congress for a strong Guard to attend the Waggons as low as M^{c}Clanes Tavern ab^{t} six miles below the red Lyon at which place a Guard from this State will be ready to releive

the said guard, but if you should have Information that the Enemy are about to Land in the Delaware State and apprehend it will be attended with great Hazard to pass through the Lower end of Cecil and the heads of Kent and Queen Anns Counties, we would if you may think it absolutely necessary, have you turn Down to the Head of Elk & consult Col. Hollingsworth there who we are assured will render you every assistance, in geting the Articles above mentioned carried down by water from the Head of Elk to turners Creek tak^{g} particular care that they do not fall into the Hands of the Enemy on their water carriage. In this case you are to order your waggons round to Turners Creek & if any accident should happen to them on their way round, you are hereby authorized to impress waggons in Kent and Cecil; or when you can get them to proceed by the way of Chester Town to this place Eight waggons will be necessary to bring the arms & Ammunition & four good Horses must be carried with Gears and Drivers to bring down the Artilery which is properly mounted. And if Deford can't furnish you with as many waggons as are necessary, you are to go to Chester Town and apply to Lieu^{t} Bordley of Kent County who is authorized by us to impress as many waggons as may be necessary if they cant be hired at Twenty shillings ꝑ day Exclusive of any Expence to the State, at which rate four are already hired. April 13, 1781 From original draft

[Council to Col. Samuel Smith.] April 13 Liber No. 78

We are this Moment informed by M^{r} that John Hammond Cromwell was committed by him to the Guard House in Baltimore Town on Suspicion of buying Flour for the use of the Enemy. We have Strong reasons to believe this Man has been engaged in Practices of this kind and as some of his Agents are or will be executed as Spies and as every possible Information will be drawn from them previous to Execution we are not without Hopes of establishing the Charges against Cromwell, as it is proper to go into an Examination as early as possible, we are desirous of having him brought here, and presuming the Lieutenant of Baltimore County may be absent, we request you will send him to Annapolis immediately under a vigilant Spirited militia Officer with a small Guard. p. 128 p. 128

[Council to Mr. Richard Curson.] Ibid.

Gen^{l} Gist laid before us your Offer to sell the State some Cloths and Linens at one hundred ꝑ Cent on the prime cost to be paid in Continental Money at one hundred and twenty for one if immediately paid, if not paid now, in Bills at seventy five continental Dollars for five livres, we are much in want of such Articles for the Soldiers and have determined to take them on the Terms proposed and will give an Order on the Collector of Baltimore County for the Amount in new continental State Money at the Exchange of three for one

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which is equal to one hundred and twenty for one in old continental the Circulation of which has by Law raised in the State so that we could not agree to pay in that Money. If you cant agree to receive an Order on the Collector, we will take them and pay you according to your second Proposition. You will have the Articles delivered to M[r] Keeports and inform us of your Determination.

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Saturday 14 April 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Welch Twenty two pounds five shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to Capt George Keeports three hundred & seventy five pounds on Account. That the Collector of the Tax for Harford County pay to Richard Dallam Esq[r] five hundred pounds and also the further Sum of one thousand pounds on Account.

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Paul Richards of the 3[d] Regim[t] one pair of Overalls, one Shirt and one pair of shoes.

Agreeable to the Act to embody a number of select Militia and for immediately putting this State in a proper Posture of Defence The Council proceeded to establish the relative Rank of the Lieutenants appointed by the General Assembly by placing each of their names in a Balot Box and drawing them out one by one, their names were drawn in the following order. George Dashiell, Christopher Birkhead, Richard Barnes, W[m] Hemsley, Joseph Dashiell, William Whitely, James Brice, W[m] Bowley, Andrew Buchanan, Henry Hooper, Francis Ware.

Whereas we have good reason to believe as well from the Oath of Patrick Noland as the General conduct and Conversation of Thomas Wright of Queen Anns County that the said Thomas Wright is a Disaffected and Dangerous Person whose going at large may be detrimental to the State. The Lieutenant of Ann Arundel County was ordered to arrest the said Thomas Wright without Delay and have him before us forthwith that he may be dealt with according to Law.

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[Council to Lieutenants of the Counties for Cecil, Harford and Baltimore to be sent to Baltimore Town.]

The representation of Gen[l] Smallwood that it would be highly proper to assemble all the Recruits at one or two Places of Rendezvous that they may be cloathed armed and disciplined and ready to march to reinforce the Southern Army has induced us to appoint Annapolis and Baltimore for them to Rendezvous at and request you

to have the Recruits raised in your County sent here. If any of them [insist] on being cloathed before they march from the County, be pleased to inform them they will certainly receive their Cloathing soon after they get here for we have purchased a Quantity of Cloth which will be immediately made up. We engage that they shall not [go] from here until they are furnished with Cloathing. April 14 Liber No. 78 p. 128

[Council to The Honble John Hanson and Daniel Carroll Esq^{rs}] p. 129

We think the Rampart Pieces if they should be too unwieldly for the Militia, will be very useful in the Gallies Barges and Vessels of Defence to be built in this State, and request you to apply for seven hundred and fifty of the best, and as many of the best of the Cartridge Boxes as can be spared and four of the Brass field Pieces, and hope your utmost Endeavours will be exerted to obtain the field Pieces for they are much wanted.

[Council to Col. Samuel Smith.] Ibid.

Yours of the 12th Instant we have received. There are so many Calls on the State for Supplies of Provision that we have been under the necessity of directing in many Parts of this State that the Militia when called in Service should find themselves and make a charge thereof, this has been universally the Case with those acting as Horseman, and we hope the Company of Horse in Baltimore Town will readily agree to subsist themselves with Provision and Forage; to have a Quarter Master and forage Master in every County for this Purpose would create an Expence far beyond any advantages resulting from such a Service. It never was our Intention that the Militia of Baltimore Town should be sent on Guard to Patapsco Neck we have wrote Gen^{l} Buchanan on that Subject. Whenever any Person is pointed out to us as dangerous and disaffected, it will be our Duty as well as our Inclination to exert the extraordinary Powers with which we are invested for the Security of the State by taking such Steps as may be deemed necessary, we have wrote fully to Gen^{l} Buchanan on this Subject to which we refer you. We wrote you yesterday to send Cromwell down under a sufficient and secure Guard, which we request may be complied with. We have determined to charter Vessels for transporting Corn &^{ca} to New York for the Payment of Debts contracted by our captive Officers agreeable to the Terms enclosed you.

[Council to Gen'l Buchanan.] Ibid.

Col. Smith writes us that it is very inconvenient for the Militia of Baltimore Town to perform the Duty of Guards on the north side of Patapsco. It was never our Intention that the Militia of the Town should do any Duty but at the Fort and in Town. We do not think it

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necessary at this Time to have any Guards posted on the North Side of Patapsco as the Enemy are down the Bay, but would have them armed and in Readiness to act at a moments warning, certainly there will be sufficient Notice given of the Approach of the Enemy for the Militia to be prepared to receive them. If there is good Cause to suspect particular Persons in Baltimore Town or County of Disaffection to the Government or the Militia or any of them will point them out and communicate the Grounds of their Suspicion to this Board and we should think them sufficient to justify an Exertion of the extraordinary Powers vested in us by the Law for the Safety of the State. We will most chearfully and readily take the proper Measures for their Apprehension and Confinement

Ibid.

[Council to Richard Dallam, Esq.]

From a representation made to this Board by Gen[l] Gist that the recruits ought to be drawn together as soon as possible to be instructed in their Duty, we are induced to depart from the Law and to order them from the Counties, in which they were enlisted before they are cloathed and at the same Time that there might be no Complaints to promise and engage that they should not be marched from the Places appointed for their rendezvous, until they be cloathed agreeable to the Law; we hope such Promise and Engagement will fully remove every obstacle to the Recruits from your County marching to Baltimore Town the Place of Rendezvous. We have given orders to Capt. Keeports to supply you with two Kegs of musquet Powder, it is out of our Power to order any lead to you probably you may be able to procure some in your County, we would have you purchase Sufficient for your wants if it can be obtained. You will take two filled Pieces of M[r] Hughs upon the Terms he offers, we think they will be fully sufficient for your County. The paper sent you, which you returned contained Instructions to seize Provisions, Similar Instructions having been sent to the other Counties of this State, we desire you to put them into Execution immediately, and to make use of the Provision in furnishing those Militia who may be on Duty, who are not able to provide for themselves, those who

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are we will not call on the Public in this Time of Distress but will make use of their own and charge it to the Public, we have enclosed you an Order on the Collector of Harford for five hundred Pounds. We request you to send to this Place immediately under a spirited and trusty Officer with a Sufficient Guard the Prisoners mentioned in yours to M[r] Paca with such Evidences to be given in on Oath as you may be able to obtain against them.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt. Keeports.]

You will herewith receive an Order on the Collector of Baltimore for three hundred and seventy five Pounds to enable you to purchase

Lead to rectify the Carriages for the Fort which ought to be strong for the Service required of them, and to employ Men to make up the Cartridges. We expect M^r^ Curson will deliver you a quantity of Cloth and Linen, the one half of the Cloth you will have made up in Baltimore, the other half with the Linen you will send to this place, as this Business is of very great Importance we wish your utmost Assiduity may be exerted in compleating it. We have wrote to Col Dallam to apply to you for two kegs musquet Powder you will deliver them on his Order. April 14 Liber No. 78 p. 131

Monday 16^th^ April 1781. April 16 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 71

Ordered that the Armourer deliver to Philip Thomas Esq^r^ Lieut of Frederick County one hundred rough Bayonets.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Gilbert Middleton one hundred pounds on Account.

That Philip Thomas Esq^r^ Lieut of Frederick County be requested to repair and put in proper Condition for use all the Public Arms in Frederick County as soon as he conveniently can and that he apply as much of the Money he may receive from the Classes as will defray the Expences that may be incurred therefor

[Council to Joshua Beall, Esqr.] April 16 Liber No. 78 p. 131

You will send the Prisoners taken by the Militia immediately to this Place under a sufficient Guard.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Woodward Thirty one pounds, five shillings due him per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud^r^

That the Collector of the Tax for Ann Arundel County pay to Capt. William Campbell one thousand three hundred and ninety one Dollars to pay for two hundred and fourteen setts of Mounting to compleat the Muskets agreeable to his Contract

[Council to John D. Thompson, Esqr.] April 17 Liber No. 78 p. 131

We highly approve of the Spirit of the Inhabitants of Cecil County and their Attachment to the common Cause, and will most readily render them every Aid in our Power, we can furnish one eighteen Pound Canon with Powder and Ball &^ca^ but cannot at present engage any smaller Cannon or Swivels, the small Cannon we have, are made use of for field Pieces and we have no Swivels but what are aboard the State Boats.

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[Council to Donaldson Yeates]

It is not in our Power to spare the Barge she is immediately wanted for the Defence of this Place and to transport the Troops stationed here to their small [several?] Posts, we therefore, request you will order [her?] here immediately. We highly approve of the Spirit which we understand prevails in your County and would most chearfully spare the Barge could we do it with any Propriety

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Wednesday 18th April 1781

Ordered that the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to William Applegarth Three hundred pounds for the use of John Dorsey & Co. on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Henry Hollingsworth five hundred pounds on Account.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Peter Carns four pounds seven shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

Commissions issued to Richard Ridgely appointed Capt. Thomas Duitt 1st Lieut. William Clem 2nd Lieut. Mark Alexander jun^{r} Ens. James Howard second Lieutenant of Capt. Michael Crane's Company belonging to the Baltimore Town Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

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[Council to William Hemsley, Esqr.]

Yours of the 10th Instant we have received and cannot but lament the Event of Success in the recruiting Service in your County, Mr. Samuel Dyre Button is appointed to provide for, and receive all Recruits raised in Queen Ann's County; It is thought most advisable to order all recruits in the State to rendezvous at this place and Baltimore as you will see by ours on that Head to you. We are of opinion that no Person should be recived as a Recruit but a Man capable of bearing the Fatigue attendant on a Soldiers Life and such as the Law directs able bodied &^{ca} Tho the Law is express that no Person shall be commissioned unless he has born or bears the Rank to which he is recommended yet we have thought it necessary to depart from it, convinced that few or no Select Militia will be raised unless it is done; and therefore [upon] the Return of the Enrollment agreeably to law and your Recommendation of the Officers they will be commissioned.

Ibid.

[Council to Joshua Beall, Esqr.]

We received your letter of the 17th with the Prisoners, it gives us Pleasure to hear that the Militia turned out with Spirit and Alacrity on the Enemy's Appearance in Patowmack and of their good Conduct

and Behaviour in capturing the Men from the Enemy's Shipping. April 18
The Hire of Horses and Carriages and the retained Rations will be Liber No. 78
settled by the Auditor General on Application, it is entirely without p. 132
your Department. Nothing more is to be done by you than to give
Certificates for the Time the Horses and Carriages were hired or
impressed and of the Number of the Rations retained by and due to
the Militia. The Law to encourage the raising volunteer Troops of
light Horse directs that not less than fifteen shall constitute a Troop p. 133
including a Capt. Lieutenant and Cornet to be recommended by the
Persons forming the Troop, every Person entering into such Troop
to furnish himself with Arms Horse and Furniture fit for such Duty
and to be discharged from any Company of Militia to which he be-
longs but subject to the same Regulations as the Militia at large.
There is no law to justify you in taking the Arms from Individuals
further than Arms the Property of the State such as are private
Property you will return It will be absolutely necessary to keep the
Arms always in repair the Expence of which the State will pay; but
it will never do to employ an idle Person with the additional Expence
of an Over looker. You should hold a Court Martial immediately
on those Men who refused to guard the Prisoners on being ordered
by you, the Law passed the last Session Subjects the Militia to the
same Fines as under the former Militia Laws, and those in Spanish
Dollars at 7/6 each to be paid in Bills of the new Emissions on the
passing Value at the Time of Payment.

[Council to Col. Hollingsworth.] Ibid.

Yours of the 11th and 10th have been received. This Treasury
being exhausted, we have according to your request drawn an Order
on the Eastern Shore Treasurer for five Hundred Pounds. Should
any Intelligence arrive relative to the Movements of the Enemys
Ships, you may depend on the earliest Notice. We expect the wag-
gons impressed by the Marquis are on their way to Elk sufficient
waggons having been ordered to Baltimore to relieve them.

[Council to Brigadier Gen'l Hamilton.] Ibid.

Before we can grant the Permission you request, you must inform
us of the Name, built and Burthen of the Vessel, the Masters Name,
the Number and Names of the Crew and furnish us with an Inven-
tory of the Cloathing Refreshments and Necessaries and every
Article on Board intended for the Troops and inform us of the
Amount of the Cash when this is done we shall not hesitate to give
Permission to the Flag to proceed to George Town and deliver her
Cargoe to such Officer as you may appoint to receive it under the
following Restrictions. The Vessel when she arrives off George
Town is to lay in the Middle of the Stream, a Guard under a discreet p. 134

April 18 and proper Officer is to be put on Board and there to remain until
Liber No. 78 the Goods are landed and the Vessel departs. The Goods as soon as
p. 134 they are landed must be examined and delivered to your Officer in the Presence of one of our Officers, none of the Persons on Board are to go on Shore or correspond or have any Intercourse with the Inhabitants, no letters or Papers are to be delivered to any of the Officers or Soldiers of the late Convention without previously delivering them to the Lieutenant of Montgomery County, who will transmit them to us. No letters or Papers are to be received by any of the Persons on Board. The Flag from any Person on Shore we shall direct John Murdock Esq^{r} Lieutenant of Montgomery County to furnish such a Guard under a proper Officer as he may deem sufficient to escort the Goods from George Town to Frederick Town.

Ibid. [Council to Col Samuel Smith.]

Yours of the 14th, 16th, and 17th are received; enclosed you have such Commissions as can be granted with any Propriety. The Governor and Council can suspend a Militia Officer for a Month and the Governor may remove or suspend any Militia Officer in Pursuance of the Judgement of a Court Martial; these are the only Powers that relate to the Suspension or Removal of Militia Officers vested in the Executive by the Form of Government which evinces the Impropriety of suspending Caleb Shields and commissioning another in his Place prior to the Sentence of a Court Martial adjudging him unfit to hold his Commission and removing him. From your Representation we submit to you the Propriety of having him tried under the 5th Article of the 13 Section of the Act passed March Session 1778 Chapter 14. You mention your having seized and secured Cromwells Papers, we request you to send them immediately for Examination. It gives us Pleasure to hear you have such a good Battalion of Men and would most chearfully order the Guard of Regulars you request to the Fort, but it is not in our Power they are so much wanted to the Southward. We highly approve of the Spirit of the Gentlemen in the Forest and would supply the Articles required could we do it with any Propriety, the Law is express that the Troops shall furnish them-
p. 135 selves, were we at Liberty we have not the Means as there are none of the Articles in our Magazines nor have any Money to purchase them. We cannot take the Schooner Rover upon any other Terms than already communicated to you In yours of the 19th you request Commissions may issue to Jacob Brown as first Lieutenant, John Hamilton Second Lieutenant, and William Johnson Ensign, and in yours of the 16th you recommend John George Hamilton as first Lieutenant, Jacob Brown as second Lieutenant and Samuel Burtis as Ensign to Cap^{t} Brittingham Dickensons Company, you will let us know who you'll have commissioned and the Commissions shall be accordingly sent except the Commission to supersead Caleb Shields.

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Commission issued to Philip Nollart appointed Capt. in the room of Van Swearingen in the 34th Batt. of Militia in Fred. County.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Major Jones nine Pounds, fifteen shillings and eleven pence for the use of Capt. William Bruce per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] — p. 72

[Council to Charles Birkhead, Esqr.] — April 19 Liber No. 78 p. 135

The Laws of the last Session are still in the Press, we have sent you a Copy of the Act relating to the Militia agreeably to your request

[Council to Baker Johnson, Esqr.] — Ibid.

We received your Letter of the 12th and according to your Desire, enclosed is a Commission for Capt. Nollart. Cap[t] Troutmans Company appears to be full officered, we wish to know the real Situation of that Company that the other Commissions you request may be sent the Governor has sent a conditional Pardon in the Case of Doyle, the Proceedings relative to Light have not come to Hand.

[Council to Thomas Sprigg, Esqr.] — Ibid.

We have received yours of the 12th Instant relative to the refusal of the Recruits to march out of their County before they are supplied with the Cloathing promised them. In answer, we must refer you to a Letter accommodating this, which we conceive will be fully satisfactory and convince them that they will the sooner be compleatly cloathed, and accoutred, but should they still persist in refusing to march we have thought proper to appoint Capt. Price to receive and provide for them; he will apply to the Commissary of the County for the necessary Provisions who will supply them.

Friday 20th April 1781. — April 20 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 72

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esq[r] one hundred and fifty pounds on Account of his Salary.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker five pounds seventeen shillings and six pence due him per Acc[t] passed by the D. Aud.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to the Western shore Treasurer five thousand pounds of the new Emission remaining in his hands.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Nicholas Mangers, onesuit of Cloaths & two shirts part of the Articles for 1781.

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[Council to Henry Hollingsworth, Esqr.]

Col Blaine informs us that he has orders from the Board of War to remove the public Provisions from the Eastern Shore of this State to the Delaware to be forwarded from thence to Trenton, and recommends the landing at Dover as the most proper Places of Delivery and Deposite, you will therefore have all the public Provisions on the Eastern Shore transported to the Landings on the Delaware preferring those above Dover; Col. Blaine will confer with you on the Mode of carrying this Business into Execution and we hope in Conjunction with him you may make proper Arrangements, he will inform you of the Names of the Persons he has or may appoint to receive the Provisions on Delaware. If the Money furnished should not be adequate to the Expence of complying with this Requisition and you cannot procure Waggons Teams &ca for the Purpose, we hereby require and authorise you to impress what Number may be sufficient.

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. John Bullen.]

Genl Smallwood thinks it necessary that the Fort on Horn Point should be immediately evacuated and the Cannon and Stores removed to this Place, which can only be done by Land for want of a proper Vessel. The Genl has promised to have all the useless Cannon &ca put on Board Mr Rutlands Sloop, and sent to the Indian Landing, provided he can be furnished with the Necessaries for putting them on Board. We hereby empower and direct you to impress for these services such Number of Horses with Geers Tackles &ca as may be necessary.

Ibid.

[Council to Special Council.]

We are favored with your Letter of the 17th by Express, and suppose you have rightfully taken upon you the Powers of Government on the Eastern Shore, but cannot admit the Inference you seem to deduce therefrom, that no Measures ought to be adopted by this which relate to the Eastern Shore, without previously submitting the Propriety of them to you. We presume that the Authority vested in us by the Constitution and Laws pervades and extends to every Part of the State alike, and could not be suspended on the Eastern Shore, by your Assumption of the Powers of Government nor in any
p. 137 Manner impaired; under that Impression we did not think it was necessary that the Policy of deferring the Draft should be proposed to you for Consideration, but it would have implied that your Concurrence [ ] material to give Efficacy to our Resolution. It gives us great Concern to be impelled by a Sense of our Duty to the State, and in regard for the general Welfare to inform you, we disapprove of your countermanding our Order on the Eastern Shore Treasurer and directing him to retain all Monies in his Hands Subject to your

future Orders. We are convinced you cannot upon Reflexion think it right and correspondent to the Views and Designs of the Gen[l] Assembly that all the Means levied, and a far greater Part of the Provisions procured on the Eastern shore for the Support of the Army should be appropriated to the sole Purpose of defending one Part of the State; because thereby the first and great objects of the Assembly must be frustrated the Quota of Money and Provision required by this State by Congress cannot be supplied our officers and soldiers in Captivity cannot be relieved nor can the Cloathing for the Recruits be obtained nor the requisition of Gen[l] Green completed; should this Board take the same Precautions for the Defence of the Western Shore and similar Systems prevail in other States, and the Money and Specific supplies raised in Pursuance of the requisition of Congress applied to State Purposes, we leave to your Honors to Suggest the Evils that would result therefrom, we think there would be reason to dread the most alarming Consequences. We are at a Loss to account for the Motives that induced you to desire to be informed whence the Power of exporting Provisions arises, and how the Business is to be conducted, as it cannot possibly be comprehended within the Line of your Duty. We only proposed that the Stock which might be in Danger of falling into the Hands of the Enemy, should be removed to the Eastern Shore, and did not mean to impose the Hardships or Difficulties on the people of removing them to this Shore if convenient places of Security could be found on the Eastern Shore It is our wish to be informed of the Nature of your Application to Congress for Arms and Ammunition, the Terms upon which they were obtained and you now propose to dispose of them; If they are to be accounted for by the State, we think the Proposition ought to have been communicated to us, the Application made by this Board and Ammunition obtained subject to our Distribution. We are constrained by the exhausted State of the Western Shore Treasury and the incessant Demands made on us for considerable Sums, to direct the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore to send over by [ ] thousand Pounds of the Money remaining in his Hands, and expect his complying therewith will not be prevented or delayed by your Interposition. As the Laws will be printed in a few Days and nearly as soon as they could be transcribed, we thought it best not to incur that Expence and shall send them over immediately after they are printed. In Case of Invasion, your Board may appoint an Officer to act in any Vacancy in the Militia until our Pleasure is known. Where it is necessary to make such Appointment, and it is accordingly made and communicated, and the Person approved, we shall send him a Commission. If your Honors will [ ] one hundred Stand of Arms with Bayonets sent to Dorchester the 2[d] of February last to what you mention, you will find the Number allotted to you has been exceeded one hundred

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April 20 and twenty five wanting Seven, which we imagined had been delivered
Liber 78 p. 138 at Baltimore pursuant to our Order, a Copy of which is enclosed. The Mode generally here for the Subsistence of the Militia, when called into actual Service to repel small Parties of the Enemy, and to prevent their Ravages, is to allow them for Rations which they provided for themselves, except in a few Instances where they have not had either Provisions or Money; so that the public Stocks is but little diminished by ordering them into Service. It has always been our Endeavour to make Provisions for the wants of every Part of the State without any Distinction, and we trust our Duty and Inclination will ever prompt us to afford the same Protection to the Eastern that we would to the Western Shore; and although it will give us great Pleasure to receive any Proposition from you that will in the least conduce to promote the Interest of the whole or any Part of the State, we must object to your taking any Measures, giving any Orders, or making any Applications which relate to the State in General. Though your former Letter contained some Expressions that were deemed improper, our Desire to avoid every thing that might disturb the Harmony between us, determined this Board to overlook them and whatever did not encroach on the Authority and tend to lessen the Dignity of the Executive of the State. We have observed with Freedom and Candour on those parts of your Letter of the 17th which are held exceptionable, not with a Design to inflame or create
p. 139 uneasiness, but to define and ascertain the Bounds of the Jurisdiction of each Body, whereby we earnestly hope that every Ground and Cause of Jealousy and Distrust may be removed and our Endeavours cordially united and the strength of the State brought into Action properly directed to secure the Independence and preserve the Peace and Happiness of America.

Saturday 21st April 1781

April 21
Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 72 Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Henry Dickinson thirty two pounds, two shillings and eleven pence due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Frank Leeke Esqr one hundred and thirty seven pounds ten shillings of the new Emission in lieu of five thousand five hundred pounds to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson Esquire on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Mills one hundred Dollars to be delivered over to Richard Barnes Esqr on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Nicholas Mangers of the 3d Regimt nineteen pounds, ten shillings and eleven pence due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud. and also the further sum of

Thirty pounds agreeable to a Resolution of the last Session of the Gen[l] Assembly on Acc[t] Liber C. B. No. 24 April 21

That the said Treasurer pay to John Dorsey Esq[r] one thousand five hundred pounds on Account. p. 72

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Nicholas Mangers Twenty eight and a half Gallons of Rum and ninety two pounds of Sugar to 1[st] Inst.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Marshall of this State in the Hospital Department a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts for the year 1780.

That the Collector of the Tax for S[t] Mary's County pay to Capt Ford two hundred pounds on Account.

That the Armourer deliver to John Mills two Doz. Gunlocks to be delivered to Col[o] Richard Barnes Lieut of S[t] Marys County.

Commission issued to Richard Chew appointed Major of the West River Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Doct[r] Thomas Wright appeared before this Board and the Charge against him being read and the Witness against him examined and the said Thomas Wright heard in his Defence this Board were of Opinion that his going at large might be Dangerous to the State and thereupon. Ordered that the said Thomas Wright give Bond with one good Security in the penalty of five hundred pounds Gold not to depart Queen Anns County without Leave of this Board first obtained & in the mean time to be of good Behaviour.

Whereas this Board have good reason to believe that Joshua Dorsey of Baltimore Town and Edward Conard of Harford County are Dangerous and disaffected Persons whose going at large may be detrimental to the State. The Lieutenants of Harford and Baltimore Counties were therefore ordered to arrest the said Edward Conard and Joshua Dorsey without Delay and have them forthwith before the Board that they may be dealt with according to Law. p. 73

[Council to Capt. Joseph Ford.]

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We have yours of the Instant, you will have the Tallow and Lard sold for the best Prices you can obtain in ready Money; this with the Order enclosed you on the Collector of St. Mary's County, we think will be Sufficient to answer your present Necessities. The Hides you will have tanned for the State.

[Council to Commissioners of the Tax for Ann Arundel County.] Ibid.

Many pressing and immediate Demands for Provisions and other Reasons induced us to receive dead Beef from the Inhabitants of this other Counties within the State, when the Detachment under the Command of the Marquis was in this City, we could not furnish

April 21 Liber No. 78 p. 139 them with fresh Provisions without receiving Dead Beef and engaging that it should be discounted for Taxes as Beef on the Hoof; We therefore request you will give Directions to the Collector of Ann Arundel County to receive in Discount for Taxes all Certificates issued by John Crisal since the first Day of March last for Dead Beef, the same Manner as if it had been delivered on the Hoof.

Ibid. [Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.]

We have just received certain Information that three Ships one Brigg and two Schooners appeared off Herring Bay early this Morning they now lie at Anchor, the wind and Tide being against them. We suppose it is the same Force that went up to Alexandria. You will direct the Militia to be in readiness and make every other Preparation which you may esteem proper in the present Conjuncture.

Ibid. p. 140 [Council to Col. Henry Dickinson.]

We have sent M^r^ Isaac McHard for the £5000 agreeable to our Order of yesterday drawn on you, which we request you will deliver to him.

Ibid. [Council to Lieutenants of Baltimore and Harford Counties.]

Walter Pigot who was executed by Order of the Marquis among other Things gave Information that a certain Joshua Dorsey a resident of Baltimore Town was on Board the enemies Ships whilst they lay opposite the Harbour, we enclose you a warrant to apprehend him, and Seize all his Papers. If he has removed to any other Part of this State and you can give Information to the Lieutenant or any other Person to secure him you will be so kind to have it done, if apprehended to cause him with his Papers to be sent under a Sufficient Guard to this City for Examination.

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We received yours with a Letter enclosed for M^r^ Hoakesly which will be transmitted as soon as possible, the Passport will be granted immediately on our being furnished with the Information required in ours of the 18^th^ Current, We cannot grant a Passport to proceed to any Part of Virginia; it must be obtained of the Government of that State.

Ibid. [Council to George Murdock, Esqr.]

We have received your Favor of the 20^th^ Instant, and are exceedingly concerned that the Prisoners are Still with you and without Provisions, we expected they had marched some Time ago; we have wrote to Col. Price to furnish you with what Provisions he may have on Hand or may procure.

[Council to Col. Price]

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You will furnish Col. Murdock with what Provisions you may have or may get; The Prisoners and Guard at Frederick Town are without flesh Provisions of any kind. You will make every Exertion in your Power to keep them supplied, as we wish to avoid every just Ground of Complaint.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker one Pound one shilling and three pence for the use of Parker, Davis and Coulter due them per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

Commissions issued to Benjamin Talbot appointed 1st Lieutenant Thomas Orrick 2nd Lieut. & John Linthecum Ensign of Capt Vachel Gaithers Comp^{y} Samuel Jacob Capt. in the room of John Boone, Benjamin Fish 1st Lieut^{t} Zachariah Jacob 2^{d} Lieut. Charles Pecker Ens. of Capt Charles Boones Comp^{y} and also to Nathan Moss Ens. of Capt John Grays Company belonging to the Severn Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

By his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire Governor of Maryland.

A Proclamation

Whereas the House & Senate stands adjourned to the first Monday in August next and the House of Delegates to the first day of May next; and Affairs of great importance requiring the immediate Consideration of the General Assembly; I have thought proper that the General Assembly of this State should meet on the tenth Day of May next; and do therefore in Virtue of the power with which I am invested by the Constitution and Form of Government hereby appoint the said tenth Day of May for the meeting and holding the General Assembly, of which the several Sheriffs of this State are hereby enjoined to give public and due Notice.

Given at Annapolis this Twenty third Day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, and in the fifth year of our Independence. Tho. S. Lee By his Excellency's command. T. Johnson J^{r} Sec^{ry} God save the State

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

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Capt. Duvall of Prince Georges County this Moment brought to Town six Prisoners of War lately captured in Charles County, and as the Men who compose the Guard have not had the Small Pox, we wish to have them immediately releived from their Charge and Apprehensions, therefore request you the Favor of you to direct the Officer of the Guard in this City to receive them.

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Tuesday 24th April 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Jonathan Morris of the 7th Regiment fourteen pounds eight shillings and six pence due him for Stores per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro six pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John King six pounds fifteen shillgs on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to George Adams, seven pounds ten shillings on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Thomas Price of the 3d Regiment four pounds, sixteen shillings and two pence due him for Stores ꝑ Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt Jonathan Morris eighteen gallons of Rum and Seventy two pounds of Sugar and also to Lieut Thomas Price six gallons of Rum and twenty four pounds of Sugar due to the 1st Inst

That the Armourer deliver to the orders of Thomas Contee and William Allen Esqr two 9t Cannon, 2 barrels cannon powder & 50t shot to be delivd to Joseph Wilkinson Esqr Lieut of Calvert County for the use of the Militia of said County.

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Ordered that Ignatius Taylor deliver to Thomas Contee and William Allein or their order thirty Barrels of Flour from the Cargo of the Schooner Nautilus

Commission issued to Jacob Brown appointed second Lieut of Capt Brittingham Dickinson's Company in the Baltimore Town Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

Warrants issued to the Lieutenants of Ann Arundel and Calvert Counties directing them to arrest and bring Joshua Dorsey before the Governor and Council forthwith that he may be dealt with according to law.

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[Council to Col. Richard Dallam.]

Yours of the 22d Instant we have received and are much surprized to be informed of your admitting Groves and France to bail after receiving our Directions to have them sent under a sufficient Guard to this Place for Examination. You will have them and all others under Similar Circumstances immediately apprehended and sent down agreeable to our former Directions with their Papers, and all the Testimony against them that you can collect. We hope and expect you will make the most diligent Enquiries that these People may be discovered and brought to condign Punishment. We have not Time to determine on that Part of your Letter respecting the Application of the captured Flour, only that the Vessel ought to be sent to a

Place of Safety. We wrote some Time ago that we had directed M^r^ Keeports to deliver you two Kegs of musquet Powder which if received we imagined would be sufficient for the Militia of your County. We are desirous to contract for the building of a Galley and several Barges and wish to be informed on what Terms you could undertake this Business. We beg your Attention to all public Property in your County particularly Provisions of all kinds must be deposited in Places of perfect Security

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[Council to Joseph Wilkinson, Esqr.] Ibid.

We wrote to you to forward all the Recruits procured in your County; since then we have heard that you had proceeded to a Draft and had the Number assigned for your County if so we request you to send those Recruits forward to this Place that they may be armed and disciplined without Loss of Time.

[Council Circular to the Justices of Somerset Dorset and Worcester Counties] Ibid.
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Enclosed you have Extracts from the Act for the Defence of the Bay we have wrote to the Lieutenant of the County to have that Part of the Law respecting the Removal of the Inhabitants &^ca^ put immediately into Execution. We recommend to your immediate Attention that Part of the Law directing Provision to be made for the Inhabitants who may be removed from the Island.

[Council Circular to Doct'rs Murray, Tootell and Steuart.] Ibid.

The General Assembly being summoned to meet in this City the tenth Day of May next to deliberate on Business of the first Importance to the State; It is our wish that every Cause which might prevent or impede their assembling at that Day should be removed. And as many of that Body have not had the Small Pox and may be detered from coming unless they are satisfied there is no Danger of taking the Infection, we most earnestly request you would not inoculate any Person in this City or its Vicinity after this Day.

[Council Circular to the Lieutenants of Somerset Dorset and Worcester Counties] Ibid.

We have enclosed you Extracts from the Act for the Defence of the Bay, and hereby empower and authorise you immediately to remove all the Inhabitants from the Islands in your County described in the Law with all their Stock and other Property to some part of the Main and to seize and sell all Vessels Boats or Canons belonging to any of the said Inhabitants, such removal to take place before the 1^st^ Day of May next. You'll observe that no Person is to live on

April 24 Liber No. 78 p. 142 any of the Islands described by the Law during the present War under the Penalties mentioned therein and all Vessels Boats or Canons employed by any Person to pass to any of the said Islands without your Leave are liable to Seizure and forfeiture. We request your Particular Attention to this part of the Law.

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Wednesday 25th April 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Jonathan Morris of the 7th Regimt fifty pounds agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly passed last Session in favor of the Officers who had been in Captivity.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde two hundred and fifty pounds on Account of his Salary.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brooks Twenty two pounds ten shillings for a Blank Book for the use of the Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Adam Rebb five pounds, twelve shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Johnson five pounds twelve shillings and six pence due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Ballard one hundred and eighty pounds in lieu of sixty Pounds Specie for a Horse sold Colo Lee's Corps by John Smith as p Certificate of A McLane of the 23d Febry 1781 to be chd to Contr

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Christr Reyner formerly a Soldier in the 4th Maryland Regimt transferred on Account of his wounds to the Corps of Invalids one Shirt one pair of Overalls & one pair of Shoes.

That the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to Colo Saml Smith one hundred and ninety seven pounds, eighteen shillings and six pence the Principal and Interest of a Certificate of A McLane of the 20th January 1781 for a Horse purchased by him for Colo Lee's Legion to be charged to the Continent.

James Maccubbin Lingan appointed Captain Philip Hill Lieut Erasmus Gantt Cornet of a Company of Cavalry directed to be raised by the Act for the Defence of the Bay.

John Bullen appointed to purchase the Dragoon Horses for the above Company.

Theodore Middleton appointed Capt. Lieutt of a Company of Foot to serve in this State for one year.

George P. Keeports appointed Captain and John Mcfadon Capt Lieutenant of the Fort to be erected on Drum point in Calvert County agreeable to the directions of the above mentioned Act.

[Council to Col. James Brice.] April 25 Liber No. 78

We request you will order a discreet and spirited Commissioned p. 143
Officer two Serjeants and eighteen Rank and File of the Militia of Ann Arundel as a Guard to conduct the British Prisoners in this City to be delivered to the Lieutenant of Frederick County, who will have Directions to receive and forward them to Fort Frederick

[Council to Lieutenant of Frederick.] Ibid.

You will receive the British Prisoners from the Lieutenant of Ann Arundel County and direct a proper and sufficient Guard to conduct them to Fort Frederick, where they are to be delivered to Col. Rawlings.

[Council to Henry Dickinson, Esqr.] Ibid.

You will deliver to M^{r} Chisholme the 5000£ directed to be [ ] by M^{r} M^{c}Hard, and also what Tobacco you have in the Treasury.

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.] Ibid.

We have ordered the British Prisoners now under Guard in this City to be immediately sent to Fort Frederick into Confinement and have directed Col. Brice Lieutenant of Ann Arundel County to procure a Sufficient Number of Militia to guard them there on his Application, you'll be so obliging as to have them delivered.

Thursday 26th April 1781. April 26 Liber C. B. No. 24

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay Captain Francis p. 74
Shepard and Lieut Charles Magruder of the Extra Regiment, each. Sixty pounds in lieu of Twenty pounds Specie in part of their Accounts passed by the Aud. General.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Nathaniel p. 75
Ramsey one hundred and twenty five pounds fourteen shillings and three pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Alice Redman one pound Seventeen shillings and six pence due her per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the said Treasurer pay to Martin Norris Twenty pounds, eight shillings and nine pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Linthecum fourteen pounds, three shillings and five pence due him per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Campbell a Lame Soldier of the 3^{d} Regiment Twenty pounds on Account.

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That the Armourer deliver to Col° Tootell twenty stand of Arms complete with Accoutrements and ten rounds of Cartridges for the use of a Guard of Militia ordered with the Prisoners of War in this City to Frederick Town to be by him Accounted for.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to William Sanders Quarter Master for the West River Battalion of Militia, one Bushel of Salt for the use of the said Militia.

M^r^ Lyde Goodwin is appointed Surgeon to the Troop of light Horse raised in Baltimore Town and Commanded by Nicholas Ruxton Moore.

Capt John Deaver was tried by a Court Martial held in Baltimore the 24^th^ April 1781 whereof Col° Samuel Smith was President and sentenced to be Cashierd which Sentence is Confirmed by this Board and Commissions issued to James Tool appointed Captain in his room, Samuel Sadler first Lieut and also to George Lux first Lieut of Capt Frederick Deams Company in the Baltimore Town Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

Warrant issued Directed to Capt. Gilbert Middleton to impress six hands for the purpose of Manning the State Boat Plater as a look^t^ Boat.

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[Council to Col. Samuel Smith.]

Your Letter of the 25^th^ Instant we have received. Fines imposed on the Militia must be collected and disposed of according to Law we have no Power of appropriating them to the Defence of Baltimore Town, if we had and should do it, much Clamour would be excited thereby throughout the rest of the State and therefore we cannot comply with your Request. The Sentence of the Court Martial is approved and we have commissioned James Tool Samuel Sadler and George Lux and should have commissioned the other Gentlemen recommended, if you had informed us how the Vacancies happened. we sent you a Commission for Jacob Brown the Day before Yesterday.

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Ibid.

[Council to Mr. Robert Ballard.]

We cannot exempt you from Militia Duty, if you can Satisfy Gen^l^ Buchanan to whom we refer you that you are incapable of bearing Arms, we are convinced he will not permit you to remain in such a Situation as will render you liable to be called on to do duty.

Ibid.

[Council to Thomas Stone, Esqr.]

We have received your Letter of the 23^d^ and are fully sensible of the exposed Situation of your Coasts, and extremely willing to do every thing within our Power to prevent the Ravages of the Enemy. We approve of employing such a look out Boat as you mention and of such a Number of Men either of the Militia or others as may most

effectually answer the intended Purposes. This you will be pleased to communicate to Col. Ware. April 26 Liber No. 78 p. 144

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have received your Letter of the 25th relative to Provision for the Militia but as the British Ships have all passed this Port and gone down the Bay, we are fortunately releived at present from the Necessity of keeping the Militia longer on Service and have accordingly wrote to Genl Buchanan to discharge them.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.] Ibid.

The Enemy's Vessels having passed this Harbour and have proceeded down the Bay, the busy Season of the year and our Desire to avoid every unnecessary Expence with other Circumstances have determined us to discharge the Militia of Baltimore County and Town You will therefore give orders for dismissing them immediately, we would have them ready upon the shortest Notice of the p. 145 Approach of the Enemy and that they may be enabled to do it you will permit those of the Militia who can be entrusted and depended upon to retain their Arms.

[Council to Lieut. Lancelot Warfield.] Ibid.

You are hereby empowered and directed to impress ten sufficient Horses for the Guard ordered to conduct the British Prisoners now in this City to Frederick Town in Frederick County.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Abraham Lemaster eight hundred and thirty five pounds, two shillings and six pence for the use of himself and his Company of Militia on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Governor Lee one thousand five hundred Dollars for the use of the Honble Daniel Carroll Esqr on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde Twelve pounds for the use of Doctr Michael Wallace due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

[Council to Governor Jefferson.] April 27 Liber No. 78 p. 145

Genl Hamilton has informed us that a Flag with Cloathing and Money for the late Convention Troops stationed in Virginia and Maryland has arrived at Hampton and requested Permission to land them at George Town in Maryland, which we have granted so far as concern the Troops in Maryland under certain restrictions and referred him to your Excellency as to the Necessaries for the Troops

April 27 in Virginia we wish that the enclosed Letter for M[r] Hoakesly may be
Liber No. 78 sent on Board the Flag in such Manner as you may think proper
p. 145 to direct.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. James Lingan.]

By the Act for the Defence of the Bay a Troop of Horse is directed to be raised for the Protection of the Inhabitants of Worcester and Somerset Counties to consist of one Captain Lieutenant and Cornet and twenty four Dragoons. We have appointed you to the Command of the Troops and request your immediate Attendance; should you not accept of the Command You'll inform us thereof immediately. Erasmus Gannt is appointed Cornet.

Ibid. [Council to Mr. Erasmus Gantt.]

By the Act for the Defence of the Bay a Troop of Horse is directed to be raised for the Protection of the Inhabitants of Worcester and
p. 146 and Somerset Counties to consist one Capt. Lieutenant and Cornet and twenty for Dragoons, James Maccubbin Lingan is appointed to the Command of the Troops and you are appointed Cornet. We request your immediate Attendance should you not accept of the Appointment you'll inform us thereof immediately.

Ibid. [Council to Mr. Theodore Middleton.]

By the Act for the Defence of the Bay one Company of Infantry to consist of one Capt. Lieutenant and Ensign and thirty non-commissioned Officers and Privates are directed to be immediately raised to serve within this State for one year. We have appointed you to the Command of the Infantry and request your immediate Attendance should you not accept of the Appointment you'll let us know immediately.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Keeports.]

By the Act for the Defence of the Bay a Company of Artillery to consist of one Captain and one Cap[t] Lieutenant and sixty five non-commissioned Officers and Matrosses is directed to be immediately raised to serve within the State for three years unless sooner discharged; the Company will be Stationed at Drum Point at the Mouth of the River Patuxent, where a Fort of not less than ten nine Pounders with one or two block Houses are to be erected and built with all convenient Speed. We have appointed you to the Command of the Company and request your immediate Attendance; should you not accept of the Appointment you will let us know immediately.

Ibid. [Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

Captain Cleland will wait upon you with Joshua Dorsey the Person charged with treasonable Practices in Concert with John Hammond

Cromwell we wish you to give Orders to relieve Capt. Cleland from his Charge and put M^r^ Dorsey under a proper Guard. April 27 Liber No. 78 p. 146

Saturday 28^th^ April 1781

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Ordered That the western Shore Treasurer pay to Daniel of Saint Tomas Jenifer Esq^r^ one thousand five hundred Dollars on Account. p. 75

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Brewer Eighty pounds ten shillings and three pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Piper eight pounds nineteen shillings and three pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker five pounds, Seventeen Shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

Ordered the Issuing Commissary deliver to Stephen Steward six p. 76 Barrels of Beef and two Barrels of Flour to be returned.

That James Calhoun Esq^r^ deliver to the said Stephen Steward eight Barrels of Bread to be returned.

Whereas it appears to us by the Oath of James West of Ann Arundel County that James Hutchings of Queen Anns County did on or about the 25^th^ Day of this Instant go on board one of the Vessels of War belonging to the Enemy and that the said James Hutchings did receive from the Commanding Officer of the said Vessel two Negroes of his the said James who had left the service of the said James and fled to the Enemy

And Whereas the said James Hutchings did go on board the said Vessel without Permission from the Governor and Council in Writing, Lieutenant Thomas Henry Howard is therefore ordered to arrest the said James Hutchings and have him before this Board immediately that he may be dealt with according and also to summon John Rawlings of Queen Anns County to make his personal Appearance before this Board immediately to testify against the said James Hutchings.

[Council to Lieutenant John McFadon.]

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By the Act for the Defence of the Bay a Company of Artillery to consist of one Captain and one Captain Lieutenant and Sixty five non-commissioned officers and Matrosses is directed to be immediately raised to serve within the State three Years unless sooner discharged, the Company will be stationed for the present at Drum Point at the Mouth of the River Patuxent, where a Fort of not less than ten nine Pounders with one or two block Houses are to be

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erected and built with all convenient Speed, Capt. Keeports is appointed to the Command and we have appointed you Capt. Lieutenant, we request you will attend immediately, should you not accept of the appointment you'll let us know as soon as possible.

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Monday 30th April 1781

James Hutchings was brought before the Board in consequence of the Warrant which issued against him last Saturday, and the Charge contained in the said Warrant being read to the said James Hutchings and the Witness produced against him examined in his presence and the said James heard in his Defence. It appeared to this Board as well by the Confession of the said James Hutchings as the Testimony of the said Witness that the said James Hutchings did on the 25th Day of this Instant go on board of one of the Ships of War belonging to the Enemy without Leave of this Board. Thereupon ordered that the said James Hutchings recognize with one [ ] Sufficient in the sum of three thousand pounds each for the said James Hutchings's Appearance before the General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore on the second Tuesday in September next and not to depart the same without Leave of the Court.

James Hutchings and Gilbert Middleton severally acknowledge themselves to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of three thousand pounds each Gold and Silver to be levied of their Bodies, Goods, Chattels, Lands and Tenements in case James Hutchings does not make his personal appearance at the next General Court to be held on the Eastern Shore to answer to such Matters and Things as shall then and there be alledged against him.

John Rawlings of Queen Anns County acknowledges himself to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the full and just Sum of five hundred pounds Specie to be levied of his Body, Goods, Chattels Lands and Tenements in Case he does not make his personal Appearance at the next General Court to be held on the Eastern Shore to Testify against James Hutchings charged with going on board a Vessel belonging to the Enemy without Permission in writing from the Governor and Council.

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[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

We have directed Capt. Edward Day M[c]Comas to wait on you with two Prisoners, William Groves and his Son, William Groves, who are charged with illicit and treasonable Practices. We beg you will order the Prisoners under a proper Guard as Capt. M[c]Comas is solicitous to be releived from his Charge.

Tuesday 1st May 1781

May 1
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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire two hundred pounds on Account of his Salary.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Carr of the 3d Regimt six pounds, eight shillings and three pence due him for Stores ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esquire seventy five Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Reed for the use of himself, Lieut Nathaniel B. Magruder, and Ensign Gabriel Jacob Twenty two Pounds, eight Shillings and ten pence half penny due them for Stores per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Reed five hundred Dollars for himself and also one thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Colo Moses Rawlings on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro forty three pounds one shilling and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to George Adams Twenty four pounds, eight shillings and seven pence half penny due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Hood fourteen shillings and ten pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander Contee Hanson for the use of the Honble John Hanson fifteen hundred Dollars on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. John Reed, Lieut Nathaniel B. Magruder and Ens. Gabriel Jacob twenty eight Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twelve pounds of Sugar and also to Lieut. John Carr of the 3rd Regt eight Gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of Sugar due them to this Instant.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut John Kilty of Baylors Corps one suit of Cloaths and Linen for six shirts in part for the last and present years.

[Council to Sheriff of Ann Arundel County.]

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You are hereby directed to summon John Mackall and Sarah Mackall his wife to be and appear before this Board without Delay, to give Evidence against Joshua Dorsey charged with treasonable Practices.

[Council to George Murdock, Esqr.]

Ibid

Understanding from Capt. Reed that his Company is in want of Shoes, and that there is leather either belonging to the State or to the

May 1 Liber No. 78 p. 147 Continent in Frederick Town, we wish that you would supply Capt Reed with one hundred weight of sole and upper Leather to be made into Shoes for the use of his Company

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Wednesday 2d May 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Archibald Chisholm Twenty pounds, twelve shillings and six pence per Account passed by the Aud. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Gilbert Middleton one hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Bradford one hundred and twenty one pounds, sixteen shillings the Principal and Interest of a Certificate of A. McLane and J Bullen dated 2d February for a Horse purchased by them for Colo Lee's Corps.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Spurrier Three pounds and also Twenty eight pounds, seventeen shillings and nine pence due him per Accounts passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Mills Fifty three pounds six shillings and three pence and also seventy nine pounds thirteen shillings due him per Account passed by the Auditor General.

p. 78 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to George Mann forty one pounds and seven pence half penny due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Peter Adams Twenty nine pounds one shilling due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Miles Twelve pounds, three shillings due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Davis Twenty six pounds twelve shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Boone of the 1st Regt Three pounds four shillings and one penny half penny due him for stores per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Capt. John Boone, four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of sugar to the 1st Inst.

Commissions issued to Robert Smith appointed 1st Lieut Aaron Rawlings 2d Lieut Robert Steward Ensign of Capt Samuel Watkins's Company. Benjamin Harrison Capt in the room of Richard Weems John Chew 1st Lieut. Nathaniel Chew 2d Lieut Ferdinando Battee Ensign. Samuel Chew of Richard Capt. in the room of Richard Chew Richard Harrison of Richard 1st Lieut. John Birkhead 2nd Lieut Gibert Hamilton Smith Ensign. Aaron Welsh Capt. in the room of William Simmons Charles Drury 1st Lieut. Robert Welsh 2d Lieut.

Jonathan Brashears Ensign belonging to the West River Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County. May 2 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 78

[Council to Capt. John Perry.] May 2 Liber No. 78 p. 148

The Council at your Request have released you on your Parole on Condition that you obtain the Release of Capt. William Middleton, and as there are some of his Boats Company Prisoners with him, whom he may be desirous to get released; if you can affect the Exchange of those Persons, the same Number of your Brigs Company or other British Seamen shall be released for them, and upon the same Conditions which they are.

[Council to Richard Barnes, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have received your Letters of the 24th and 28th Ult we think it will be proper to order such a Part of the Militia as you may deem necessary for your Protection to hold themselves in Readiness to march upon every Emergency. Howard's Property we have no Authority, but think the Grand Jury of the Genl or your County Court ought to be informed of his Conduct and a regular Prosecution carried on against him. Every militia Man whose Situation in Life will not enable him to furnish himself with every part of a Ration, ought to have it provided for them while on Duty, but those who can, ought to furnish themselves, and make Returns of their Accounts to this Board for Payment. The Account of Mr Mills we have settled and enclosed you agreeably to your Request. The seven Prisoners mentioned in yours of the 28th have arrived and are safely lodged in this City.

[Council to Mr. Joseph Ford.] Ibid.

The Order given you on the Collector of St Mary's County, we hope will shortly be discharged by him; and it is the only Mode we can adopt to supply you.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Mackall Esqr one hundred and twenty Pounds, eleven shillings and eight pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to James O'Hara seven pounds, ten shillings allowed him by this Board in Virtue of a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 7th of August 1779 up to this Day.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. Jacob Crawford of the 2nd Regiment five pounds fifteen Shillings and nine pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

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That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Ens. Jacob Crawford four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of Sugar due him to the 1st Inst.

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[Council to Genl Smallwood.]

We shall be much obliged to you to direct the Cannon on Board the Sloop to be landed on the Indian landing at the Head of Severn River and we shall take it as a particular Favor if you will spare a sufficient Number of the Continental Troops to assist in putting them on Shore

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut William Murdock and Lieut Thomas Rouse, each, eleven pounds, eleven shillings and six pence due them per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Adam Richardson one pound two shillings and six pence due him per Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Massey of the 26th Battalion of Militia taken prisoner in August 1777 one hundred pounds on Account

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut William Murdock Twenty three and a half Gallons of Rum and eighty pounds of Sugar and also to Lieutenant Thomas Rouse eight Gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of Sugar due them to the 1st Instant.

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Ordered that the Collector of the Tax for Baltimore County pay to Doctr Nathan Brownson Purveyor General of the Hospitals in Southern Department four hundred pounds in part of an Order in his favor by the Honble Major Genl Greene Commander in Chief in the Southern Department for two thousand pounds specie agreeable to a Resolution of Congress of June last.

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[Council to Patrick Sim Smith, Esqr.]

We received yours of the 2d Instant by Mr Bayfield and directed him to deliver the Steers you mention to John Chrysal issuing Commissary at this Post whose Receit is sufficient. We shall send you the Barrels and Salt immediately on the return of our Boat from Baltimore to be landed as conveniently for you as possible.

Ibid.
[Council to Mr. Donaldson Yeates.]

Yours of the 1st Instant we have received; we shall write to Col Hollingsworth to have you supplied with Forage and for him to apply to Mr Voorhees to supply you with what Corn, he may have in his Power to procure. It is not in the Jurisdiction of this Board

to make any Regulations whatever relative to the conducting Ferries or any other private Property. Whatever Contracts you may make with Express Riders we wish to be very particular and strict; that they may have no kind of Excuse for neglecting or evading the Service required of them by the Public. The Terms you have made with Giles we approve but will not consent to pay any extra Expences. May 4 Liber No. 78 p. 149

[Council to Gen'l Buchanan.] Ibid.

Daniel Hughes Commissary of Prisoners informs that there are a Number of British Prisoners in his Charge which he wishes to get rid of, you will be so obliging as to send the whole of them under a sufficient Guard to Frederick Town in Frederick County to be delivered to the Lieutenant of that County, to be by him forwarded to Fort Frederick, you will mention in the Orders given to the officer whom you may send that the Prisoners are to go on to Fort Frederick.

[Council to Daniel Hughes, Esqr.] May 4 Liber No. 78 p. 149

We have received your Letter and have requested General Buchanan to send the British Prisoners in your Charge immediately to Frederick Town to be forwarded from thence to Fort Frederick. We cannot admit Manger to his Parole.

[Council to Board of War.] Ibid. p. 150

Yours of the 30th Ult[t] is received, we lament that it is not in our power to assist the Baron Stuben with either Powder or Lead, we spared more to you than we conveniently could on your request some Time ago; and we have not Lead sufficient for our immediate Defence

Saturday 5th May 1781. May 5 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 79

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to George Adams Twenty three pounds, ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Lancelot Warfield thirty three pounds due himself and Detachment of Militia Guarding Prisoners to Frederick Town per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l].

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct[r] Wiesenthal four thousand five hundred and sixty seven pounds, two shillings and nine pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to the Honble Gen[l] Smallwood eighty four pounds, sixteen shillings for the use of himself Major Stoddert and Capt. John Courts Jones due them for Stores ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Aud. G[l]

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That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen West Esq[r] one hundred Pounds and the further sum of one hundred Pounds for repairing Arms on Acc[t]

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[Council to Major Gen'l Smallwood.]

We shall be much obliged to you to order under Guard three British Prisoners, Matthew Manger, Capt. William Lewis first Lieutenant and Josiah Jones sailing Master late of the Schooner Jack o the Lanthan

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Monday 7[th] May 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. James Somervill of the 6[th] Regim[t] eleven pounds eleven Shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wood fourteen shillings [pounds?] ten shillings and nine pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James John Skinner Twenty Pounds five shillings and five pence due him per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Kilmer Ten pounds, ten shillings due him p Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l] to be charged to the U. States.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Loyd Beall five pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct[r] Levin Denwood of the 7[th] Regim[t] seventeen pounds, seven Shillings and three pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Issuing Comissary deliver to Capt. James Somervill eight gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of Sugar. Lieut James John Skinner fourteen Gallons of Rum and fifty six pounds of Sugar. Capt. Loyd Beall four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of sugar and also to Doct[r] Levin Denwood Twelve gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of sugar due them to the first Instant.

Commissions issued to William Somervill appointed Capt in the room of Alexander H. Watts. John Mills 1[st] Lieut. Robert Greenwell 2[d] Lieut. Henry Abell Ensign of Capt. Barton Abells Comp[y] James Attwood 1[st] Lieut of Capt. John Mackalls Comp[y] Richard King 1[st] Lieut. Polard Hopewell 2[d] Lieut Edw[d] Swan Ens. of Capt. Sam[l] Jenifer's Comp[y], John Chesley Capt. in the room of Hugh Hopewell, Geo. Hopewell 1[st] L[t] Rob[t] Daffon 2[d] L[t] W[m] Bellwood Ens. John Shadrack 1 L[t] & Geo. Cole 2[d] L[t] of Barton Smoots Comp[y] Lower Bat. Mil[a] St. Marys Co[ty]

[Council to John Murdock, Esqr.] May 7 Liber No. 78 p. 150

A Complaint has been lodged with this Board by William Veal Steuart that he is returned by you as a Substitute for one of the Classes in your County improperly, to support which he has produced several Depositions to prove that he was not fairly enlisted. We wish you to make enquiry into the Matter and to see that the Man has Justice done him

[Council to Captain Nicholas Maccubbin.] Ibid.

You will apply to Col. Adams for the British Prisoners confined in the public Goal, and have them marched immediately to Frederick Town under a Guard to consist of one commanding Officer one Serjeant one Corporal and twenty rank and File there to be delivered to Col° Philip Thomas Lieutenant of Frederick County, to be by him forwarded to Fort Frederick and put under the Care of Col° Moses Rawlings Commander of the Fort. We hereby empower and direct you to impress as many Horses as may be necessary to mount the Guard ordered on this Service, You will order that particular Attention is paid to Matthew Mangen late Captain of the Jack o Lanthon, he is represented to this Board as a Man that has been principally concerned in burning the Houses of the Inhabitants of this State.

[Council to Colo. Adams.] Ibid.

You will be so obliging as to have delivered to Cap^{t} Nicholas Maccubbin or his Order all the British Prisoners now under Guard in this City.

[Council to Colo. Richard Barnes.] Ibid.

The three British Prisoners with Taylor were yesterday delivered by John Wood, and were immediately ordered into Confinement. We have not yet determined what to do with Taylor as soon as we do, you shall have Information. His Excellency being out of Town prevents our sending the Commissions you request on his return you may depend upon having them immediately sent.

Tuesday 8th May 1781 May 8 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 80

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Elihu Hall of the 1st Regim^{t} forty six pounds six Shillings due him p Acc^{t} passed by the A. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Payne one pound four shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Williams Esq^{r} eighteen shillings and five pence for the use of Joshua Clark and six pounds five shillings due himself per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

May 8
Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 80
That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Sellman forty nine pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

May 8
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[Council to Colo. Rawlings.]

We have sent a Number of British Prisoners which we shall be obliged to you to take Care of particularly Capt. Matthew Mangen who has been represented to this Board as a person who has been guilty of plundering the Inhabitants and burning their Habitations, and who has made use of many threatening Speeches, should he not be treated differently from what Prisoners of war are usually treated that he will if exchanged or should effect his Escape, do every Mischief to this State that may be in his Power

Ibid.
[Council to Capt. Maccubbin.]

We are informed there are Several Negroes among the Prisoners ordered to Fort Frederick, if so we would have them remain here to be disposed of as may hereafter be directed.

Ibid.
[Council to Philip Thomas, Esqr.]

We have given Orders to Cap[t] Maccubbin to send an Escort with
p. 152 a Number of British Prisoners to Frederick Town a List of which will be delivered you by the Officer commanding the Escort, You will receive them and order them under a sufficient Guard to Fort Frederick to be delivered to Col[o] Rawlings with the letter enclosed.

Wednesday 9[th] May 1781.

May 9
Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 80
Ordered that the western Shore Treasurer pay to Zachariah Forrest one hundred and fifty Seven pounds four shillings for the use of Capt. John Horn Abell and his Company due them per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Samuel M[c]Pherson of the 1[st] Regim[t] fifteen pounds eighteen shillings and one penny due him per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud[r]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Simms of the 1[st] Reg[t] forty six pounds six shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway Dep[y] Aud[r] Seventy five pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Cawood for the use of John H. Stone three hundred and ninety four pounds, nine shillings and six pence Principal and Interest of a Certificate of A M[c]Lane and John Bullen of the 1[st] of March for two Horses purchased by them for Col[o] Lee's Co[ys]

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. William Smoot eleven pounds eleven shillings and six pence due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Gen^{l} May 9 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 80

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. Mark M^{c}Pherson and Capt. David Lynn, each, five pounds, fifteen shillings and nine pence due them per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Samuel M^{c}Pherson Lieut. Henry Baldwin and Ens. William Smoot, each, eight Gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of Sugar. Lieut James Simms thirty two Gallons of Rum & one hundred and twenty eight pounds of Sugar. Ensign Mark M^{c}Pherson & Capt. David Lynn each, four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of Sugar due them to the 1st Instant.

That Capt. George Keeports deliver to John Dorsey eighty 3^{ll} shot to be returned.

Commissions issued to John G. Hamilton appointed 1st Lieut of Capt Brittingham Dickinson's Company and also to William Dennis 2^{d} Lieut of Capt. James Tools Company in the Baltimore Town Battalion of Mil^{a} in Baltimore County.

Archibald Buchanan Esquire of Baltimore County in this State having applied for a Recommendation to His Excellency Governor Livingston and to the Commanding Officers at the Posts near the British Lines for leave to meet certain Commissioners on Staten Island or if necessary in the City of New York to take his Answer p. 81 to a Bill filed in the Court of Chancery in England. This Board being well acquainted with M^{r} Buchanan Recommend him to His Excellency the Governor of the Jersies and any Commanding officer and request that he may be indulged with Permission to go upon Staten Island or into the City of New York.

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May 10 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 81

Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Stephen Steward fifty 4^{ll} Shot to be returned.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith ninety one pounds ten Shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac Simmons forty three pounds and three pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John King Thirty three pounds, seven shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That John Bullen Quarter Master discharge M^{r} Rutlands Sloop from the service of the Public.

May 10 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 81 Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Richard Walch Commander of the Schooner Matopony navigated by eight Men mounting two Carriage Guns belonging to Thomas Rutland of Annapolis.

May 10 Liber No. 78 p. 152 [Council to Robert Dorsey, Esqr.]

Enclosed is a Copy of an Agreement made with Mess^rs^ Steward and Company for the Sloop Porpoise to go with a load of Flour from hence to the Havanna and to return on Account of this State; you have also a Bill of Lading and an Invoice which has been delivered to us by M^r^ Steward. We have heard the agreeable Intelligence that the Brigantine Fox had arrived safe at the Havanna, but not a Line either from you or M^r^ Smith on the Subject. You will observe that this Vessel, the Porpoise, is chartered on nearly the same Terms as the Fox; only that the Porpoise is not to go to Cadize but to return to Annapolis. You will as formerly carefully land the whole Cargoe and dispose of it to the best Advantage. One half of the proceeds is to be paid to the Capt. for Freight. The Disappointment by the Loss of the former Vessels and Cargoes which were bound to the Havanna is very great, and lays us under great Difficulties for want of the Supplies we expected in return of those Cargoes. Cloathing of all Sorts we greatly want, Salt, Medicines, and brown and white Sugars. You will therefore exercise your Discretion in procuring such of those Articles as are within your Power, possibly the friendly Interposition of his Excellency the Governor of the Havanna may assist you as to the Cloathing or some part of it on easy Terms; but if you cannot get any of the Cloathing and military Stores formerly directed on moderate Terms, then we would have you send us, if to be had, as much Salt as will ballast the Vessel, about one hundred Pounds of good Jesuits Bark, about 30 of Jalap, some good Hides of different Sorts, and invest the rest in brown and white Sugar of a good Quality.

Ibid. [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

It is our Intention to send a quantity of Bread Provisions and Lumber to New York to discharge Debts due from the Officers of this State, who have been and at present are Prisoners there and on Long Island and for the more decent Support of those who still remain in Captivity. But think it our Duty first to apply thro you to Congress for their Approbation, Congress we have learnt has sent
p. 153 a Quantity of Provisions to Charles Town lately for the Support of the Captive Officers there, and we make no Doubt but this State will be allowed the like Privilege for the Relief of their Officers, under this Impression we have offered Terms to the Inhabitants of this State for the Transportation of Provisions to New York which have been accepted, and in Consequence thereof having appointed M^r^ Charles Croxall who will have the Honor of delivering this. Our

Agent or Commissary to reside in New York if approved by his Excellency Gen[l] Washington until a Commissary is appointed by him. We wish you to give him every Assistance in the Conduct of this Business and further Information may be obtained of him. May 10 Liber No. 78 p. 153

[Council to Gen'l Washington] Ibid.

The Sufferings of our Officers in Captivity have for a long Time claimed our Attention and excited great uneasiness which a Consciousness that we are destitute of the Means of alleviating them has much augmented; it has been and still is impracticable for the State to procure a Quantity of Specie adequate to that Purpose which has determined us to avail ourselves of the Propositions contained in the enclosed Paper, if your Excellency should be of opinion it may be done consistent with Propriety, and will afford us your Assistance in facilitating a Communication with New York by way of Flag. Your Excellency will perceive that no State will be allowed to dispose of any of the Monies arising from the Sale of the Articles to be sent before the Debts of the Officers are discharged; this Restriction if adhered to will prevent us from Shipping any Produce, because Vessels cannot be obtained unless the Freight is paid in New York and the owner allowed to invest it in such Goods as are not prohibited to be brought back, and therefore trust your Excellency will endeavour to effect an Alteration of it in such Manner as will most likely attain the objects in View, the Relief of our Officers. If your Excellency has not appointed a Commissary to reside in New York and should now think it proper to consider that Subject, and no Person more deserving that M[r] Charles Croxall has presented himself, it will give us great Pleasure to be informed that the Gentleman in whom we have reposed a Confidence is approved of by you, but if Sir you think it right to defer the Appointment, we hope M[r] Croxall may obtain your Permission to go into New York and transact this Business for the State. M[r] Croxall will wait upon your Excellency and communicate fully every Thing that you may desire to be informed of which relates to his Trust. p. 154

[Council to Mr. Charles Croxall.] Ibid.

We intend to send a Quantity of Provisions and Lumber to New York to discharge the Debts contracted by the Officers from this State formerly and now Prisoners there and on Long Island and for the Support of the Prisoners we can obtain the Leave of Congress to send the Provisions and Passports from the commanding Officer in New York, should these Events take Place and his Excellency Washington should not have appointed a Commissary to reside in New York; we hereby appoint you to act as such for this State until an Appointment is made by Gen[l] Washington to dispose of the Car-

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goes of such Vessels as may be sent by this Board to pay the Debts contracted by the Officers of this State and to advance to them such Sums of Money as may be necessary for their more decent Support, and to do every other Matter and thing relating to this Business which any Commissary might or ought to do, and further that you are to insist on the Freight being paid in New York.

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Ordered That Thomas Donnellan deliver to M^r^ Stephen Steward Sen^r^ one thousand pounds of Bread for the purpose of building the Galley he has contracted for and for which he is to be accountable.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Philemon Warfield sixteen pounds for the use of John Marriott and Twenty Pounds, fourteen shillings due himself per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Hannah May five Dollars per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to William Sydebotham Seventy pounds fourteen shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Issabell seven pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Six pence and also two pounds twelve shillings and Six pence due her per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Rhesey Todd five pounds twelve shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the Armourer deliver to Capt. Gilbert Middleton of the Plator twenty pound of Musket Ball four pound of Musket powder and one Double Block. and also to Col^o^ Peter Adams eighty stand of Arms and Accoutrements.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Gilbert Middleton three yd^s^ Osnabrigs for making up Grape Shot.

Commissions issued to Richard Harrison appointed Capt. & John Mitchell Lieut^t^ of the Schooner Boat Decoy fitted out to Cruise in this Bay.

Commission of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to James Forbes Com^dr^ of the Brig Nesbitt 126 Tons burthen navigated by 80 Men, mounting Sixteen Carriage Guns belonging to John Nesbitt & Rob^t^ Morris of Phil^a^ & Stephen Steward of Maryland.

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[Council to Capt Gilbert Middleton.]

You are to proceed in Concert with M^r^ Steward's Vessel (in pursuit of the Barges of the Enemy now infesting the upper Parts of the Bay) and to exert your utmost Powers and Abilities to capture any

Barge or other Vessel in the Service of the Enemy which may be found cruising in the Bay. May 11 Liber No. 78 p. 154

[Council to Mr. Charles M. Croxall.] Ibid. p. 155

We request you will enter on your List the Sloop Nancy burthen forty Tons, built in Virginia, Joseph Garlick Master, and five Hands, squared Sterned, Load Corn and Lumber with one eight Flour, owned by Hugh Young and Company of this State, Brig Prosperity ninety Tons, built in Virginia Thomas Moore Master and ten Hands, square Sterned Load Corn only, Hugh Young and Company Owners. As this last Vessel is in Virginia it is our request you endeavour to obtain a Passport for her from James River, and that you will erase James William's Name as Master of the Sloop Matapany from your List.

[Council to Collector of Baltimore Town.] Ibid. p. 155

We hereby direct you to suspend the Collection of the Taxes from these of his most Christian Majesty's Subjects now residing in Baltimore Town, whom may be pointed out to you by the Chevalier De Aumour until our further Orders.

[Council to Richard Dallam, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have received yours of the 3^{d} Instant. General Greene has wrote us pressing the forwarding to the Southward the Recruits and Draughts, we therefore cannot with Propriety give any further Indulgence. You will forward the Recruits immediately, and the Draughts directly after the Expiration of the Time limitted by Law, agreeably to our former Orders. It was our Intention that the Grain and Flour should be removed from such Places on the waters as might be exposed to small Parties of the Enemy to a short Distance within Land until there was an Opportunity of forwarding it. We cannot undertake to give you any Directions about the receiving the Class Money more than to desire you to keep a particular Account of what you may receive, of the Time you receive it and at what Exchange.

Saturday 12th May 1781 May 12 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 82

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Ensign James Arthur of the 4th Regim^{t} Twenty nine pounds and nine pence due him for Stores per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Brigadier General Gist one hundred pounds to enable him to proceed to the State of Delaware and Philadelphia on Business of Importance to the Southern States for which he is to be accountable to Major General Greene and that the said Money be charged to the U. States.

May 12 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 82

That the said Treasurer pay to Vachel Worthington thirty one pounds five shillings and six pence due him per Cert[a] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to George Keeports seven hundred and twenty seven pounds two Shillings and three pence due him p Acco[t] passed by the Aud. G[l]

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Ens. James Arthur Twenty one Gallons of Rum and eighty pounds of Sugar due him to the 1[st] Instant.

Thomas Grason is appointed Captain of the Barge Experiment agreeably to a Recommendation of the Special Council of the 3[d] May 1781

May 12 Liber No. 78 p. 156

[Council to Hon'ble Board of War.]

Major Gen[l] Smallwood writes us this will be addressed by Ensign Arthur of the fourth Maryland Regiment in which he acted as a Volunteer from the 17[th] June last under Promise of a Commission, but has not obtained it owing to his having been ever since with the Southern Army. He claims his Rank from the above Date and Stands arranged from that Time upon the new Establishment we therefore hereby appoint the said James Arthur Ensign in the fourth Maryland Regiment, and request a Commission may issue to him as such to bear Date on the 17[th] June 1780.

Ibid.

[Council to Chevalier De Aumours, French Consul.]

We received your Favor of the 31[st] of April, and as the Assembly was then expected speedily to meet, we intended to consult them on the Subject of your Letters and delayed writing to you until we could give you a Satisfactory Answer; this you may rely on shall be done, and your Letter of the 10[th] Current laid before the Assembly as soon as they meet which in all Probability will be in a few Days; in the mean Time we have directed the Collector in Baltimore Town to suspend the Collection of the Taxes from those who may be pointed out by you as coming within the Description of his most Christian Majestys Subjects entitled to such Indulgence until the General Assembly shall take order therein.

Ibid.

[Council to William Whitely Esqr.]

We have received yours of the 10[th] Instant to give you Directions in what Manner you are, or ought to conduct yourself is of such a Nature that requires serious Consideration, all that we can think of, 'til the General Assembly takes Direction therein, is to omit taking any public Money whatever but at the real Exchange in your County, and to keep an exact Account at what Times you receive it.

[Council to Matthew Tilghman Esqr, President of the Spl Council.] May 12 Liber No. 78 p. 157

We have just now received your Favor of the 3d Current. Mr Grason is approved of by this Board and we have the Honor to enclose the Commission requested.

Monday 14 May 1781.

May 14 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 82

Negro Joe the property of John Eden of St. Marys County captured in the Jack Oth, Lanthorn by Capt Folger in the Antilope and now confined in the Goal of this City is delivered to said John Eden upon his agreeing to restore him on the order of the Governor and Council or to pay the Customary Salvage whenever called on by the Governor and Council.

Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt Harrison three Days Provisions for two Men.

That the western Shore Treasurer pay to Jane Burk eighteen pounds due her per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker six pounds eleven Shillings and three pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl.

[Council to Mr. John Dorsey.] May 14 Liber No. 78 p. 157

We wrote you on the 3d March requesting you to send us immediately the full Proportion of the Foxes Cargoe of Sugar in your Hands. We therefore desire you to comply with that requisition as the Sugars we received from you are all exhausted and the constant Demands from the Officers require that we should have in our Possession all the Sugars belonging to the State.

Tuesday 15th May 1781

May 15 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 82

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Gustavus Horner Surgeons Mate in the General Hospital forty six pounds, six shillings due him for Stores per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Edward Spurrier of the 4th Regimt eleven pounds eleven Shillings and six pence due him for stores per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Hust fifty one pounds fourteen shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Rutland one hundred and sixty four pounds and also the further sum of eighty four pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Chever five pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence and also five pounds twelve shillings and six pence due him per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

May 15
Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 82

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Rawlings Twenty four pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence due her per Certificate from William Goldsmith passed by the Aud. General.

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Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Gustavus Horner Thirty two Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twenty eight pounds of Sugar and also to Capt. Edward Spurrier eight Gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of sugar due to the 1st Inst.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Gustavus Horner Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts in part of the Articles for the present year.

May 15
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[Council to Col Adams.]

We shall be much obliged to you for twenty Men to bring the Barge belonging to the State from the Head of Elk; Capt. Middleton will take them up in the State Boat.

Ibid.

[Council to Donaldson Yeates, Esqr.]

Please to deliver to Capt. Gilbert Middleton the Barge belonging to the State left at the Head of Elk by the Marquis with her Oars Sails and all her Materials, and as we understand one Pair Cannon Wheels was left at Elk, this will be a good opportunity to send it.

May 16
Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 83

Wednesday 16 May 1781

Ordered that the Eastern Shore Treasurer pay to Colo Peter Adams Two hundred and sixty three pounds, five shillings in lieu of sixty five pounds, sixteen shillings and three pence specie Principal and Interest of a Certa of A McLane and John Bullen dated 1st of March 1781 for an able bodied Horse purchased by them for Lieut Colo Lee's Legion.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jemima Selby eleven pounds two shillings and six pence due her per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

May 16
Liber No. 78 p. 157

[Council to George Murdock, Esqr.]

We are informed by Mr Faw that there is a considerable Number of raw Hides in your Hands and in the Hands of Colo Price and that a Mr Shelman would give good Strong Shoes in Exchange for them. We wish you to exchange Hides with Shelman or others for Strong double soled Soldiers Shoes upon the best Terms you can obtain. We have wrote to Colo Price to deliver you all the Hides in his Possession.

[Council to Col Thomas Price] May 16
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You will deliver to M^r George Murdock all the raw Hides in your Possession the Property of the State. We have requested him to exchange them and what may be in his Hands for Soldiers Shoes

Thursday 17^th May 1781 May 17
Liber C. B.
No. 28
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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Muir one hundred and sixty eight pounds to be delivered over to Thomas Rutland to pay for a Cable purchased of Joseph Williams for the Sloop Matopany per Acc^t passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Three hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Sprigg Bowie five thousand and twenty five pounds of Tobacco including four per Cent for Cask, for paper &^ca purchased of him for the use of the Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Niven nine pounds, ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Simon Nicholls Two hundred and forty six pounds in lieu of sixty one pounds ten shillings Specie the Principal and Interest of a Certificate of A M^cLane and John Bullen dated 25 Decem^r 1780 for an able bodied horse purchased by them of Richard Ponsonby for Col^o Lee's Corps.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Simon Nicholls ninety eight pounds four shillings due him per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty one hundred and ninety five pounds for the use of Samuel Boone per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Williams seventy six pounds six shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Philip Shepherd thirteen pounds two shillings and six pence due him per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to William Spurrior Twenty five pounds fourteen shillings due him per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Job Garretson Twenty one pounds seventeen shillings and a half penny to be delivered over to Jonathan Hudson on Account for Blankets purchased of him by the Governor and Council.

That the Eastern Shore Treasurer pay to John Voorhees Sixty eight pounds six shillings and two pence due him per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Gen^l four hundred pounds on Account and also four pounds twelve shillings and six pence for the use of William Stewart, seven pounds, seven shillings & six pence for the use of William Henry p. 84

May 17 Liber C. B. No. 28 p. 84 eighty one pounds for the use of George Black and seventy seven pounds sixteen shillings for the use of Joseph Boots due them p Acc^ts passed by the A. G^l

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ens. James Arthur of the 4^th Regim^t Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for six shirts in part of the Articles for the last & pres^t years.

May 17 Liber No. 78 p. 158 [Council to Joseph Wilkinson, Esqr.]

We have received your Letter of the 14^th by M^r Fitzhugh with some Draughts of recruits from your County, and Certificates respecting Dorsey, Gray and Sedgwick. We would not have you send any Recruits which you may think unfit to undergo the Fatigues of a Campaign, they would only be an Expence. We shall therefore leave the Business to you as you have it in your Power to obtain much better Information being on the Spot than we possibly can have, and sending before this Board will be attended with a needless Expence.

Ibid. [Council to Lieutenant of St. Mary's County.]

The peculiar Circumstances of the Militia of S^t Mary's County, as represented to us by Mess^rs Plater and Thomas have induced us to suspend the Draft until the 3^d Day, of June

Ibid. [Council to Lieutenant of Charles County.]

The peculiar Circumstances of the Militia of Charles County, as represented to us by Messrs. Stone and Causine have induced us to suspend the Draft until the 1^st Day of June.

Ibid. [Council to Matthew Tilghman Esq^r, President of the Sp^l Council]

We have the Honor of your Favor of the 15^th referring to your Letter of the 3^d respecting a Commission for M^r Grason; we did not receive that of the 3^rd until Saturday the 12^th when a Commission immediately issued and the Letter enclosing it was delivered to the Honble M^r Bruff.

May 18 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 84 Friday 18^th May 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Reily of the 4^th Regim^t Twenty three pounds four shillings and three pence due him per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Johnson Thirty five pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Ely Dorsey and Twenty eight pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence for the use of Peter Grosh due them per Certificates passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Mayo ninety nine pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hood Twelve pounds five shillings for the use of Ely Dorsey ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud. May 18 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 84

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. William Reily sixteen Gallons of Rum and fifty four pounds sugar due him to the 1st Ins^{t}

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Captain William Reily Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts in part of the Articles for the pres^{t} year allowed by the G. Ass^{y}

Saturday 19th May 1781

May 19 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 84

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Sanders Twenty five pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Caleb Burgess fifteen pounds twelve shillings and one penny half penny due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the A. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay Benjamin Stoddert Esquire Two thousand five hundred pounds of the new Emission in part of an Order drawn by Major Gen^{l} Gates in favor of Col^{o} Thomas Polk dated the 14th Aug^{t} 1780 for one hundred thousand pounds Lawful money of Virginia.

That the Armourer deliver to Capt. Maccubbin as much plank as he may want for the accommodation of his Company going down the Bay on an Expedition against the Enemy.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Bullen for the use of the soldiers under Innoculation in the Hospital nine Beds & nine sheets

Warrant issued directed to Capt. Nicholas Maccubbin to impress a Vessel with her hands &^{ca} for the use of a Detachment of his Comp^{y} of Select Militia going down the Bay on a Cruise against the Enemy.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to William Jones Commander of the Schooner Somerset one hundred and thirty two Tons burthen, navigated by thirty Men mounting eight Carriage Guns, belonging to John Sterett and Company of Baltimore Town in the State of Maryland.

[Council to Capt Alexander Trueman.]

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We request you to take under your Command and Directions such a Detachment of regular Troops as will fully mann and arm the State Boat Plater, the armed Boat Decoy and the State Barge we have to Strengthen you, added another Boat and ordered forty Men of the Select Militia on Board her which also are under your Command. You will without Delay proceed with those Vessels and the Troops in Pursuit of the Enemy's Barges which we are informed were discovered yesterday afternoon nearly opposite to the Mouth of

May 19 Liber No. 78 p. 159 West River. If you do not find them in that Neighbourhood, you are to proceed to Hollands Island the Place of their rendezvous. We recommend to you to break up that or any other Post which the Enemy may have on the Tangier Islands and Seize and secure all the Inhabitants who have in any Manner voluntarily aided the Enemy; we are persuaded you will receive every Aid and Intelligence from the Inhabitants of the Eastern Shore which you may require Firmly relying upon your Judgment Zeal and Activity we have no Doubt of your accomplishing the Purposes of this Expedition. By the Law for the Defence of the Bay an Extract of which is enclosed, we were directed to remove the Inhabitants from the Islands below Hoopers Streights and between the Sound and the Bay with all their Stock &ca to the Main, in Consequence of which we gave Orders to the Lieutenants of the Counties, in which the Islands are to carry the Law into Execution, should they not have done it, and you can conveniently give them Assistance in the removal, we wish you to do it.

Ibid May 21 [Council to Mr. Robinson Stevens.]

We have enclosed you the Terms on which we intend to send Articles into New York to be sold for the Relief of the captive Officers from this State, should you approve of them you will inform us immediately that we may take the first opportunity of writing to p. 160 our Agent for the necessary Papers and Permission for the Vessel to proceed to New York.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Adam Ott.]

We have appointed you to receive and provide for the recruits raised in Washington County agreeably to an Act of the general Assembly of last Session we request you will undertake this Duty and have Recruits provided with every Thing necessary and to use every effectual Measure to prevent Desertion. We shall furnish [them] with Cloathing as soon as we are enabled to do it, and you may be assured that you will have an Allowance adequate to your Expence and Trouble.

Ibid. [Council to Philip Thomas, Esqr.]

Colº Sprigg a Lieutenant of Washington has applied for Powder for the use of the Select Militia of his County; Please to deliver to Colˡ Sprigg or his Order two quarter Casks or half a Barrel of such Powder as is fit for the Purpose

Ibid. [Council to Mr. George Dashiell.]

We have received your Letter of the 28th on Saturday, we fitted out three armed Boats and a Barge with about one hundred and twenty Men under Capt Trueman on a Design to break up the Enemys

Post upon Holland Island, and the other Islands in that Neighbourhood; Capt Trueman had an Extract of the Law for the Defence of the Bay in which the Measures to be taken with the Inhabitants of the Islands mentioned in the Law are described, and he is directed if he can conveniently do it to assist the Lieutenants and Militia of the Counties in which those Islands are to carry that Part of the Law into Execution. We give you this Information that you may apply to Cap^{t} Trueman and if practicable to effect the Purposes of that Law. It gives us Concern to hear from you that you have no Recruits and that Disaffection so far prevails among the People in your County. The Militia in general in other Parts of the Country have been very ready and active when called upon the Law passed the last Session if carried into Execution certainly is fully sufficient to oblige the Militia to their Duty, we apprehend it has not reached you and therefore give you abstracts from it. All the Penalties and Militia Fines imposed by the Act to regulate the Militia and the Supplement and additional Supplement to the said shall for any future Offences, be in Spanish Dollars at 7/6 each payable therein or in other Silver or Gold at the Value, or new Bills of Credit of the Emission of the State or new continental Bills of Credit emitted in this State at their passing Value at the Time of Payment, on warrant under the Hand of the Lieutenant of the County to the Sheriff to be collected by Distress and Sale of the Parties Lands Goods &^{ca} No Fine to be imposed without hearing the Party on his Neglect to appear after Notice If Militia ordered in Service because of an Invasion of this State any able Bodied Militia Man may be compelled by Force to attend and do his Duty

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Tuesday 22^{d} May 1781

May 22
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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Hall four pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Major John Dean Seventeen pounds eight shillings and ten pence half penny due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Elenor Allen eight pounds due her per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^{r} four hundred and thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lancelot Warfield ten pounds fourteen shillings and six pence to be delivered over to Nicholas Hall due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Baxter one hundred and fifty pounds of the new Emission in lieu of Thirty seven pounds ten shillings specie due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

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That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Ensign John Chairs of the 5th Regimt forty three pounds eight shillings and one penny half penny due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Major John Dean ten Gallons of Rum and fifty six pounds of sugar and also to Ensign John Chairs Thirty Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twenty pounds of sugar due them to the first Instant.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ensign John Chairs Cloth and Trimmings for one Suit of Cloaths and Linen for six shirts in part of the Articles for the years 1780 and 1781.

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[Council to William Boardley, Esqr.]

We received yours of the 17th Instant. It gives us pleasure to hear of your Success in furnishing the Men required of your County, but lament we have not at present our Power to supply the Cloathing for them. We hope to be able to do it in a short Time from the Sale of some of the State Flour. From a Representation made to this Board by Major Deane that the old Soldiers and Recruits in your County are much in want of Shoes, and that any Quantity of Leather may be procured there which may be immediately made up by them at a moderate Price, we are induced to draw an Order (which is enclosed) on the Eastern Shore Treasurer for £150 to enable you to purchase the Leather and pay for making the Shoes.

Ibid.

[Council to Cesar Rodney, Esqr.]

It has been represented to this Board that a Mr Snow who was taken by George Mann an Inhabitant of this State and by him carried into Philadelphia, when in Possession of the Enemy and delivered up to them, has lately returned from Confinement in New York into
p. 162 your State and that upon Application to him he will be able to inform your Excellency, the Persons who have a knowledge of the Fact, George Mann is now in Goal in the State as a disaffected and dangerous Person, we have to request the Favor of your Excellency to procure of Mr Snow Information of the Evidences and to take such Steps with him and them as will compel them to appear at the next General Court for this State to be held on the Eastern Shore of the said State on the 2d Tuesday in Sept next to give Testimony against the said George Man.

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Wednesday 23d May 1781

Messrs John Hall and Thomas Clagett from the House of Delegates informs His Excellency that a sufficient number of Members are meet to proceed to Business.

Commissions issued to Daniel Dennis appointed first Lieut John Steward second Lieut and Thomas Constable Ensign of Capt James Tool's Company in the Baltimore Town Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County. May 23 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 85

Richard Deale a Draught from the Militia of Ann Arundel County, having been refused by Col° Adams Commandant in the City Annapolis and having appeared before this Board on Examination is found to be unfit for the service and is therefore Discharged.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Ralph Forster Forty pounds on Account of House Rent.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Martin Ridenour five hundred and sixty one Pounds, three shillings and four pence in lieu of one hundred and forty pounds, five shillings and ten pence specie for the use of his Company of Militia on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Samuel Smith two thousand six hundred and nineteen pounds, twelve shillings and six pence for the use of his Battalion of Militia on Account.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Adam Ott seven hundred and fifty four pounds in lieu of one hundred and eighty eight pounds ten shillings specie for the use of his Company of Militia on Account. p. 86

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Charles Swearingen one hundred and eighty four pounds sixteen shillings in lieu of forty six pounds four shillings specie for the use of his Detachment of Militia on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Michael Divel one hundred and sixty one pounds ten shillings and two pence in lieu of forty pounds, seven shillings and six pence half penny Specie for the use of a party of Militia under his Command on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Pattison one hundred and seventy seven pounds seventeen shillings in lieu of forty four pounds, nine Shillings and three pence specie for the use of the Detachment of his Company of Militia on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jubb Fowler forty one pounds thirteen shillings and four pence on Account of his Salary.

[Council to Doctor Schnebeley.]

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We have received your Letter concerning the Horses, you will take the first opportunity to send them to Annapolis, with a return of those Horses that have died or otherwise lost, the Horse you left between your House and Annapolis we shall expect you will also deliver. Harness we presume may be had with the Waggons when they are sent to the Army and therefore unnecessary for you to provide them.

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[Council to Colo. Thompson.]

We received yours of the 18th Instant, and as the Draft has been suspended in other Counties of this State Cecil County is entitled to the same Indulgence. We therefore hereby suspend the Draft to be made in Cecil County, until the 6th Day of June next. The Accounts for Provisions furnished the continental Soldiers and Militia must be passed by the Auditor General and an Order to go from this Board on the Treasury, which the Sheriff may receive for Taxes, no other Person than the Auditor can Settle such Accounts. It is not in our power to supply you with either rigging or Sails, if it was we are authorised to do it and of Course could not with Propriety make the requisition to Congress you ask, the Assembly will we expect meet on to morrow to whom the Application might be made

Ibid.
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[Council to Richard Dallam, Esqr.]

We have received your Letter of the 21st Instant relative to the Conduct of Stephen Dorsey and William Bickey [Birkey?]. We request you to procure all the Evidence in your Power that can Support the Charge against Cromwell's respecting his general Conduct and Supposed Connexion with the Enemy, and send them immediately with Groves Dorsey and Bickey [Birkey?] to Annapolis that the charge may be clearly investigated as Circumstances will admit of. We approve of your Conduct in not delivering the Flour purchased by Cromwell to Dorsey.

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Thursday 24th May 1781.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Benja Murdock of the late Extra Regimt eighty pounds in lieu of Twenty pounds specie in part of an Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Welch seventeen pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Gabriel P. Van horn three hundred and sixty pounds due him ꝑ Accᵗ passed by the Aud. Genl

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[Council to President of the Board of War.]

From the representations which have been made by Col. Baker Johnson and Colº Wood of the Character and peculiar Circumstances of Lieutenant Morris of the Convention Troops now in this State, we are induced to believe his earnest Desire of being released upon Parole, that he may go to Ireland, may be granted without Injury to the United States. We beg Leave to refer you for further Information to Colº Wood at whose request we trouble you at the present Occasion.

Friday 25th May 1781.

May 25
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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut^{s} Josias Miller and Samuel Luckett of the late Extra Regiment eighty pounds each, in lieu of Twenty pounds specie in part of their Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Ogle Esq^{r} forty one pounds p Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esq^{r} Seven hundred & eighty five pounds, sixteen shill^{gs} & eight pence on Acc^{t}

Permission given to Mess^{rs} Ridley and Pringle Merchants of Baltimore Town to Transport to the City of Philadelphia for the use of the French Marine, Fifteen hundred barrels of Biscuit to be delivered to the Hon^{ble} M^{r} Holker Agent for the said Marine the barrels to be branded and the brands mentioned in the permits to be given by the Naval or other Officers.

David Lee and Peter Bond of Harford County severally recognized in the sum of one thousand Pounds Gold and Silver for David Lee's good behaviour at all times and for his personal appearance before the Governor and Council of this State whenever he shall be thereunto required.

Whereas this Board have good reason to believe that William Birkey of Baltimore Town is a disaffected and Dangerous person, whose going at large may be detrimental to the State. Capt. Samuel Howard is therefore ordered to arrest the said William Birkey without delay and have him before the Board forthwith that he may be dealt with according to Law.

Commissions issued to Hezekiah Wheeler appointed Capt. John Dyer Lieut. & Charles Smith Ens. of a Comp^{y} of Select Militia raised in Prince Georges County.

[Council to Mess^{rs} Ridley and Prinkle.]

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We enclose you a Permit to transport the Biscuit to Philadelphia agreeable to your request.

[Council to John Smith, Esqr.]

Ibid.

From some Conversation with Col^{o} Smith we are informed that you have a Quantity of Cloths that came from Ireland and are fit for the Purpose of cloathing our Troops. We have directed M^{r} Muir to wait on you and look at the Cloths and Invoice and enquire on what Terms you will dispose of them. As the Demands for Cloathing are very pressing we rely that you will inform M^{r} Muir of your lowest Terms, which if agreeable, and you choose to take merchantable Flour in Payment you shall have immediately an Order

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on M[r] Calhoun for the Quantity necessary or, if you incline to take Tobacco, you shall have Crop Notes, and the Tobacco warranted good and kept ready to be delivered to you within one Month.

Ibid.

[Council to Commanding Officer of the Guard.]

You will be pleased to order David Lee before this Board that he may enter into Security for his future good Conduct.

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Saturday 26[th] May 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Lieut John Hamilton of the 4[th] Regim[t] fourteen pounds nine shillings and four pence half penny due him per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Alice Redman one pound seventeen shillings and six pence due her per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Denny eigthy one pounds to be delivered over to Captain Revelly per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Lieut John Hamilton Ten Gallons of Rum and forty pounds of sugar stores due him to the 1[st] Inst.

May 28 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 87

Monday 28 May 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty Thirty pounds for the use of Charles Minex due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beard seven pounds six shillings and eight pence for the use of Alexander Carvill, Twenty three pounds, fifteen shillings for the use of Edmond Carvill and sixty three pounds, eleven shillings and ten pence due himself per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to George Adams forty two pounds nine shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That John Bullen furnish M[rs] Ann Tilly a Horse to go to Virginia to endeavour to recover her three negro Children.

May 28 Liber No. 78 p. 164

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.]

The Assembly has called on us to know what wheat and Flour has been received and is now on Hand. We therefore request you to furnish us with a Return of what has been collected on the western shore immediately

[Council to Colo. Adams.]

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We shall be glad to be favored with a Return of the Troops at present in Annapolis under your Command and the particular Corps they belong to distinguishing the Recruits since last Session. You will favor us with this Return as speedily as you can, as the Committee of the House of Delegates have called on this Board for such a Return.

[Council to Capt Keeports.]

Ibid.

The Assembly having called on this Board for an Account of what Cloathing has been purchased or received since last Sessions, what has been delivered and to whom, and what is on Hand. On looking into your last Accounts and returns, we cannot give the Assembly the Satisfaction they desire, we therefore request you will immediately make a particular return of what you have purchased received and delivered since the above Period.

Tuesday 29th May 1781

May 29
Liber C. B.
No. 24
p. 87

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Rignel Hilliary of the 1st Regimt forty six pounds six shillings due him p Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Carmichael six pounds, nineteen shillings and eight pence due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud. and also eight pounds for the use of Samuel Bennett due him per Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Elijah Robosson one thousand and seventy one pounds, four shillings and ten pence in lieu of Two hundred and sixty seven pounds, sixteen shillings and two pence half penny Specie for the use of his Battalion of Militia on Account.

That the said Treasurer deliver to Stephen Steward Esqr five hhds of Tobacco five thousand two hundred and thirty eight pounds net on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Rignal Hilliary thirty two Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twenty eight pounds of Sugar due him to 1st Inst.

That James Calhoun Esqr Commissary General for the western shore deliver to Stephen Steward Esqr ten barrels of Flour and five barrels of Bread to be expended in building the Galley & to be by him Accounted for.

That the Armour deliver to Capt George Keeports fifty Gun Locks and forty ramrods for repairing Arms in Baltimore

The Governor and Council have agreed with John Longdon of Alexandria in Virginia to ride as an Express from thence to An-

May 29 napolis and back for which they engage to allow him six Dollars
Liber C. B. Specie or the value thereof at the time of Payment for his trouble and
No. 24
p. 87 expences for each ride.

May 29 [Council to Joshua Beall, Esqr.]
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p. 165 You have enclosed the Commissions for the Select Militia requested by your last Letter

Ibid. [Council Circular to James Calhoun and Henry Hollingsworth, Esqr.]

By a Resolution of the general Assembly of this Day, we are
p. 165 requested to order the Public Wheat collected and remaining on Hand in Cecil Kent Queen Anns Harford Baltimore and Ann Arundel Counties, and at Bruces['] Lantisses and Ogles Mills in Frederick County to be manufactured with all Dispatch into fine and superfine Flour and to order immediate Returns to be made of all wheat and Flour in those Counties. We request you to have the above Resolution carried into Effect immediately in the Counties above mentioned within your District, one half of the Flour to be manufactured into superfine the other half into fine Flour. You will make us immediate Returns of all the wheat and Flour agreeably to the above Resolution.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Gilbert Middleton.]

You will immediately proceed down the Bay at least as low as Patuxent River and act as a look out Boat, to remain cruising in the Bay, until our further Orders, or until you make any Discoveries of the Movements of the Enemy that may be necessary to be communicated to us.

Ibid. [Council to Commissioners to preserve confiscated British Property]

We enclose you an Extract from a Resolution of the general Assembly, which we beg Leave to say will require your immediate Attention.

Ibid. [Council to Colo. Robert T. Hooe.]

It has become an Object of such Magnitude to this State to have the most early and authentic Intelligence of the Movements of the Enemy in Virginia, that we most earnestly solicit you to renew your Application to your Friends to forward any Information from the Theatre of War they deem of Importance. Nothing for our Anxiety for the Public Welfare and knowing your Readiness to facilitate any Measures that may tend to that End, cou'd induce us to give you soe much Trouble.

[Council to General Assembly.]

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The Enclosure is a List of the Names of the Persons arrested and confined under the extraordinary Powers vested in this Board by an Act of the General Assembly passed last Session, John Hammond Cromwell, William Groves, William Groves Jun^{r} Michael Bicky [Birkey?] Joshua Dorsey, and others had for some Time been suspected of buying Provisions for, and clandestinely trading with the Enemy, and there were many coinciding Circumstances to induce a Belief that they had been guilty of such pernicious Practices, but they were not deemed sufficient by the Grand Inquest for the western Shore to find Presentments against them. The others were arrested as being Persons whose general Conduct and malignant Influence tended to spread Disaffection among the Subjects of the State and whose going at large might be therefore prejudicial to the Government, most of the last Class have been released on giving good Security of good Behaviour. John Hammond Cromwell and Accomplices are still confined under Guard in this City. Warrants also issued against Benjamin Shockley, Cap^{t} Beach Edward Conard and Frances but they are not yet even apprehended. George Mann is now confined in Baltimore Goal under the Resolution of the general Assembly.

Wednesday 30th May 1781

May 30
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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Isaac Rawlings of the Artillery fourteen pounds nine shillings and four pence half penny due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Isaac Rawlings, ten Gallons of Rum and forty pounds of sugar due him to the 31 Inst.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Robert Denny one hundred and eighty five Coats two hundred and eleven vests, one pair Breeches nine pair woolen overalls two hundred and seventy five pair Linen overalls, one hundred and fifty two shirts two hundred and seventy three pair of shoes two hundred and sixteen hats, two hundred and forty six Blankets and two hundred and forty six Blankets and two hundred and Seventy three knapsacks for the use of the Maryland Troops and also to John Robertson late of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} Cloth sufficient (not fit for a Regim^{t} Coat) to make a Coat with Tread and other Trimmings, one Shirt, one pair of woolen Overalls and one pair of Shoes.

That the Armourer deliver to Capt Gilbert Middleton of the Plater one hundred Musket Cartridges.

Commissions issued to John Page appointed Captain George Hanson Lieut and Thomas Rasin Cornet of a Troop of Horse in Kent County raised in Virtue of the "Act to encourage the raising a

May 30 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 88 Volunteer Troop of Light Horse in Baltimore Town and each County of this State."

May 30 Liber No. 78 p. 166 [Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.]

In Virtue of the Power vested in us by the enclosed Resolutions we have appointed you special Agent to procure Cloathing for the Troops of this State, to be marched to the Southern Army; and as this is a Business of great Importance to this, as well to the United States, we earnestly recommend to your immediate Attention, the Execution thereof you will observe that the General Assembly have given Directions for a Quantity of fine and superfine Flour to be immediately manufactured, in Consequence of which we have issued our Orders to the Commissaries to have the Wheat manufactured in equal Proportions immediately. The Flour shall be delivered by the first of September you will therefore enter into Contracts for the Cloathing immediately by exchanging the Flour for such Articles as are most and immediately wanting agreeable to his herewith enclosed or by Vending the same as may be most advantageous to p. 167 the State. We refer to your Consideration the Propriety of making your Purchases in Philadelphia, as we have understood the Articles wanted may be obtained there on much better Terms than in this State.

Ibid. [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

The extraordinary Exertions made by this State on every occasion in complying with the Demands of Congress, the Marquis's Detachment the southern Army, our Militia and other Expenditures have altogether exhausted our Treasury and Stores of Arms and Cloathing so that it is not in our Power to furnish the Troops that are here with Cloathing Arms &ca nor properly equip our Militia to repel the Enemy. Under these distressing Circumstances, we request you to make known our wants to Congress in the most earnest Manner and endeavour to obtain a Proportion of all Cloathing Arms &ca that Congress now or may hereafter have for this State. We do not think that the rampart Pieces will be of great use to us however he will take five hundred of them for our Gallies, and with Pleasure receive the two field Pieces and as many more as can be spared to us in great Necessity for them. Enclosed are two Letters for Chevalier Colbert one of which came recommended by the Marquis, we request you to forward them as soon as possible. We shall forward as soon as possible a Quantity of Flour to be vended in Philadelphia and propose to supply you with Money from the Sales thereof.

Ibid. [Council Circular to the Lieut of the several Counties.]

It is necessary that all the Draughts in this State should be brought to a Point. We therefore request you will order all the Draughts within your County to march thither without Delay.

[Council to Colo. Adams.] May 30 Liber No. 78 p. 167

Many of the Soldiers have applied to this Board for their Bounty, we shall be much obliged to you to direct an Officer to make out a List of all those who have not received the Bounty and lay before this Board. We are anxious to send our State Boat down the Bay on a look out, but are prevented from the want of Hands; If you can spare ten of the Soldiers for the Purpose, we shall take it as a particular Favor p. 168

[Council to William Bordley, Esqr.] Ibid.

Your Favor of the 26th Instant, we have received, and will with Pleasure transmit the Commissions for those Gentlemen recommended of the Troop of Horse in your County.

[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth.] Ibid.

The Port of Baltimore Town is entirely without Salt Provision and it is not in our Power to supply any from this Shore. We therefore request you to forward to Baltimore Town twenty Barrels of Beef and Pork to be delivered to James Calhoun Esqr commissary of the western Shore. You will also send to this Place twenty barrels of Beef and Pork to be delivered to John Chrysal issuing Commissary.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.] Ibid.

It is not in our Power to supply you with any Money to purchase Provisions for the Hospital, and as it is absolutely necessary it should be supplied with fresh Provisions, we request you to dispose of Flour sufficient for the Purchase, until we are enabled to furnish you with Money. You will be so obliging as to send to this Place fifty Barrels of Bread and twenty Barrels of Flour to be delivered to Jno Chrysal issuing Commissary.

Thursday 31 May 1781 May 31 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 88

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo Nathl Ramsey nine hundred pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Singleton forty pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Blunt seven pounds ten shillings per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to George Davis Thirty seven pounds six shillings and three pence due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

May 31 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 88 That the said Treasurer pay to Robert John Smith one hundred and forty nine pounds, seventeen shillings due him p Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Robert Denny of the 7th Regimt eight pounds, thirteen shillings and seven pence half penny due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lt Robert Denny six Gallons of Rum and twenty four pounds of Sugar to the 1st Instant

Commissions issued to John Smoot, appointed Capt. William Hooper Lieut and James Shaw Cornet of a Troop of Horse in Dorchester County raised in Virtue of an "Act to encourage the raising a Volunteer Troop of Light Horse in Baltimore Town and in each County of this State"

Commissions issued to James Hay appointed 1st Lt of Capt. Brittingham Dickinsons Compy in the Baltimore Town Batt of Militia in Baltimore County. and Commission issued to George William Forrester appointed Coronor of Kent County.

p. 89 In Virtue of a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 29th Instant Colo Samuel Smith of Baltimore is appointed Agent to procure the necessary Cloathing for the Troops to be marched to the Southern Army.

May 31 Liber No. 78 p. 168 [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

By the enclosed Paper No 1 you will perceive the rapid Strides Lord Cornwallis is making through Virginia, and the imminent Danger with which this State is threatened Under these Impressions the General Assembly have passed a Resolution of yesterday's Date a Copy of which you have marked No 2 and we beg and intreat you p. 169 to urge the weight and Influence of this State to obtain the Arms Accoutrements and Cloathing so earnestly requested and essentially necessary to enable us to resist the Enemy. No 3 you will perceive is a Request from the Assembly that you solicit every Aid and Assistance that can be afforded us by Pensylvania. This requisition is of the utmost Importance and we wish you to use your Influence, in obtaining such assistance whenever the Necessities due Distresses of this State may require it.

Ibid. [Council to Charles Blake Commissary of Queen Anns.]

You will furnish the Draughts and Recruits of Queen Anns County with such Provision as the Lieutenants of the said County may direct.

Ibid. [Council to President of Special Council.]

We have the Honor of enclosing you some blank Naval Commissions which may be made use of for temporary Purpose.

[Council to John Bullen Esqr.] May 31 Liber No. 78 p. 169

We request you will immediately furnish Col° Adams with such a Boat as may be necessary and proper to transport Arms Cloathing &ca from the Head of Elk to this Place.

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.] Ibid.

We have received your Letter of the and according to your Request have enclosed a Commission for James Hay; The Accounts of the Vessels sent to bring up the Cat[o]s Flour are not before this Board but orders shall be given to procure and forward them to you.

Friday 1st June 1781 June 1 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 89

Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Alexander Trueman and Capt John Mitchell each, four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of sugar due to the first Instant.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain John Mitchell five pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence due him per Account passed by the D. Aud.

John Bullen is appointed Quarter Master in this State.

[Council to Joshua Beall Esqr.] June 1 Liber No. 78 p. 170

We cannot undertake to give particular Directions about the receiving the Money from the Classes, the Law directs that it shall be paid in Specie or the Value in the new Emission, which Value we suppose is left with you to settle, all that we can say is that you had better take an Account of the Kinds of Money you may receive at what Exchange and at what Time.

[Council Circular to the Lieutenants of Several Counties.] Ibid.

From the Intelligence we have received of the rapid Movements of the Enemy in Virginia, we have reason to apprehend an Invasion of this State, it will be necessary that every Precaution be taken preparative for our Defence. We therefore request you to order the Militia in your County to hold themselves in perfect Readiness to march at a moments warning to such Place as may be thought necessary, and to have all the Arms in your County proper for Defence, immediately repaired and put in the best Condition Cartridges made and every thing ready to take the Field.

[Council to President of the Special Council.] Ibid.

Having been informed that some Commissions should be wanted on the Eastern Shore, we did ourselves the Honor on the 31st of last Month of writing to you and enclosing twelve Blanks. We are just

June 1 now favored with your Letter of the 30th May desiring Commissions
Liber No. 78 for Captains Grason and Spedding, but as you will have the Blanks
p. 170 before this can get to Hand, we apprehend sending Commissions for those Gentlemen is become unnecessary. The Enemy under Lord Cornwallis are marching with great rapidity through Virginia, he was at Pages Warehouses on York River the 28th Ult and the Marquis retreating to Fredericksburgh. Genl Leslie had embarked with a Force of about one thousand or twelve hundred men intended as is supposed to Patowmack or up the Bay to cooperate with Cornwallis. The Assembly are taking the most vigorous Measures and we in Conformity to their Intentions have wrote Circular Letters to all the
p. 171 Lieutenants to have the Militia in readiness to march at a moments warning, also to have all the Arms capable of Service collected and repaired. By certain Intelligence from Frederick Town Genl Wayne with at least one thousand Infantry and one hundred Cavalry marched from thence yesterday morning on his way to Alexandria

Ibid. [Council to Colo. Thomas Price.]

The general Assembly have pointed out the immediate Necessity of removing the Convention Troops from this State, we have wrote on this subject To our Delegates in Congress that Measures may be taken by the Board of War and the Government of Pensylvania for their reception. It will be necessary for some vigilant and discreet Person to attend and supply the Troops and Guard with Provision on their March, We have therefore appointed you to execute this Business, and hereby authorise and appoint you to seize if not to be procured otherways, as much Provisions as may be necessary for the purpose. We have informed Colo Wood of this your Appointment to whom we refer you for more particular Directions. We depend on your exerting yourself on this Occasion which is so necessary, and you may rely that we shall make you Satisfaction adequate to the Trouble you will have.

Ibid. [Council to Colo. James Wood.]

The Enemy under the Command of Lord Cornwallis are making a rapid Progress through the State of Virginia and Leslie it is said is embarked with 1000 or 1300 Men supposed for the River Patowmack to cooperate with Cornwallis. The general Assembly of this State now convened considering the defenceless Situation thereof, and the Impracticability of securing the British Prisoners confined under the Articles of Convention in Case the Enemy should invade this State have requested us by their resolution of this Day to write to you that they think it highly improper under present Circumstances that the British Prisoners should be continued in this State and are of opinion that they ought to be removed to the Northward. We hope and expect you will carry the Resolution of the general Assembly into

Effect immediately and to enable you we have given Orders to the Lieutenant of Washington to furnish on your requisition as many of the Militia of his County as you may think necessary to escort the Prisoners and have desired Col° Price of Frederick Town to supply you with such Provisions as he may have on Hand and if necessary to seize as much as may be wanting and have authorised and empowered the Lieutenants of Washington County to impress waggons Teams and Drivers sufficient for the forwarding the Prisoners into the State of Pensylvania where we would have them marched and where we expect you will receive further Orders from the Board of War to whom we have wrote on the Subject The Resolution referred to is enclosed. We were favored with your Letter of the 25th Ult. which shall be laid before the Assembly, it gives us Pain that there should be such a Scarcity of Provisions and so many Embarrassments. We cannot write you fully at present but will do it by the first convenient Opportunity. June 1 Liber No. 78 p. 172

[Council to Lieutenant of Washington County.] Ibid.

In Pursuance of the Directions of the general Assembly for the removal of the British Prisoners from Fort Frederick, Northward we request you will order such a Guard from the Militia at large under trusty and vigilant Officers as Col° Wood may deem sufficient for the safe keeping and conducting them into some Part of Pensylvania. You will impress if not to be procured by Hire, a sufficient Number of Waggons Teams and Drivers to transport their Baggage and Provision.

[Council to] Ibid.

The Enemy under Lord Cornwallis are marching with great rapidity through the State of Virginia, and a force embarked under Leslie supposed for Patowmack to cooperate with Cornwallis makes it necessary that we should have as great a Force as in our Power to receive them should they invade this State. We therefore direct you to give Orders to the Select Militia of your County to march immediately to George Town on Patowmack the Place of Rendezvous and there to remain Subject to our further orders. And we also request you to order all the Militia in your County who can be well armed and accoutred to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moments warning. p. 173

Circular to the Lieutenants of Charles Prince Georges Montgomery Frederick Washington, With this Addition to the Lieu[t] of Montgomery. As the large Quantity of public Provision at George Town may be an Object with the Enemy. We request you to have it carried into the most safe interior Parts of the County and to be lodged in different Places and likewise with this Addition to the Lieutenant of Frederick. You will direct the Troops of light Horse to repair to George Town.

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[Council to Philip Thomas, Esqr.]

As the Enemy under Lord Cornwallis are making as rapid Progress thro' the State of Virginia, and in all Probability will invade this State, it is absolutely necessary that we should be as well prepared as possible to receive them on an Invasion, we therefore direct you will have all the Arms in your County immediately repaired and put in good Order, and have 20,000 Cartridges immediately made up, for which Purposes you will hire as many Hands as you may deem necessary. You will send directly to this place one thousand weight of Lead and six barrels of musquet Powder to be delivered to M^{r} Shaw. We request you to make a full return of Military Stores in your Charge as soon as possible.

Ibid.

[Council to Joseph Wilkinson, Esqr.]

You will deliver the Bullet Moulds furnished you by this Board some Time ago to the Bearer hereof, we are surprised that you neglected sending them to M^{r} Shaw agreeable to Order. The Movements of the Enemy makes it necessary that you order such of the Militia in your County as are well armed and accoutred to hold themselves in Readiness to march at a Moments Warning, to such Place or Places of Rendezvous as may be directed hereafter. You
p. 174 will have all the Arms that can be made fit for Service immediately collected and repaired.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt. Keeports.]

As the Enemy under Lord Cornwallis are making a rapid Progress thro' the State of Virginia, and in all Probability may make a push for Baltimore Town, it is absolutely necessary that we should be as well prepared as possible to receive them on their invading this State, we therefore direct you to have the Arms immediately repaired and put into good Order, and to have as many Cartridges made as you possibly can, for which Purposes you will hire as many Hands as you may deem necessary to compleat this Business with the utmost Expedition

Ibid.

[Council to President of the Board of War.]

We have the Honor to transmit you a Resolution of the gen^{l} Assembly of this Day respecting the removal of the British Prisoners from this State to the Northward, in Consequence of which we have this Day wrote Col^{o} Wood to march them immediately into the State of Pensylvania, and referred him to your Honble Board for further Orders. The general Assembly were induced to take this Step from the rapid Movements of the Enemy under Cornwalis in Virginia, who by the latest Intelligence had reached Page's Warehouses and was expected in a short Time at Alexandria, from whence to Fort

Frederick is not more than Miles, whence there is but a Small Guard of Militia over the Prisoners. June 1 Liber No. 78 p. 174

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Thomas Mason of the 7th Regimt fourteen pounds nine shillings and four pence half penny due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William D. Beall of the 6th Regimt Twenty three pounds three Shillings due him per Acct passed by the A. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Mangers Thirty six pounds, three shillings and nine pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Thomas Mason, ten Gallons of Rum and forty pounds of sugar and also to Capt. William D. Beall sixteen Gallons of Rum and sixty four pounds of sugar due to the 1st Instant.

That John Bullen furnish Capt. Gaither with a Horse.

Commission issued to Selby Parker appointed Ensign of Capt. Bartlet Townsends Company in the Wicomico Battalion of Militia in Worcester County.

[Council to Capt Henry Gaither.] June 2 Liber No. 78 p. 174

This Board being informed of the Behaviour of a Person who passed thro' this City Yesterday gave evident Testimony of his being of a very Suspicious Character, and as we understand you are acquainted with his Person we hereby authorise you to take such Assistance as you may find necessary to examine and arrest the said Person and bring him before this Board if you think it necessary. p. 175

[Council to Delegates in Congress.] Ibid.

By the enclosed resolution of the general Assembly you will observe the Anxiety they are under from having the British Prisoners in this State under our Present Circumstances. In Consequence of which we have instructed Colo Wood to remove those Prisoners immediately from Fort Frederick to the Northward, Orders are also sent to the Lieutenant of Washington County to furnish a Guard and to Colo Price to supply Provisions on the March to Pensylvania. We have wrote on this Subject to the Board of War and must request that you will communicate the Resolution of the Assembly to Congress and the Board of War so that Measures may be taken without Loss of Time for the reception of those Troops as soon as they shall get in Pensylvania.

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[Council to Thomas Sprigg, Esqr.]

Being informed that you have some continental Arms that want repair, we request that you will have them, and all others carefully and expeditiously repaired, to defray this necessary Expence you shall either have Orders on this Treasury or the Collector of Washington County, or in any other convenient Manner that the State can accomplish.

Ibid.

[Council to Colo. Richard Dallam.]

As it will be necessary to draw a large Body of Men to a Point, if the threatened Invasion of this State should take place, we request you to order the Select Militia of your County to march immediately to this City, from whence they may be marched to any Place where their Services may be required. You will have them as well armed as Circumstances will admit.

Ibid.
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[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

We are credibly informed that several Merchants in Philadelphia have a large Quantity of Arms in their Possession and that they may be had for Flour or Tobacco, should this be the Case we beg Leave to Solicit your Attention to this Business and request you will contract for as many as can be obtained, which we will engage to pay for in either of those Articles. You will be pleased to forward them immediately to the Head of Elk, from which Place we can easily have them conveyed, where they may be required. We wish to have at least one Thousand Stand.

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Monday 4th June 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro forty Pounds fifteen shillings due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Smith Esqr three hundred and fourteen hhds of Tobacco, such as will answer his purpose to be expended in procuring Cloathing for the Troops of this State for which he is to be accountable.

That James Calhoun Esqr Commissary Genl for the western shore deliver to Samuel Smith Esqr two thousand five hundred Barrels of Merchantable flour to be by him expended in procuring Cloathing as above mentd on Accot

That Henry Hollingsworth Esqr Commissary General for the Eastern shore deliver to Samuel Smith Esqr one thousand five hundred Barrels of Merchantable Flour to be expended as above directed and Accounted for.

That Col° Samuel Smith be requested to provide twenty swords and twenty Pistols for the Troops of light Horse raised in the Forrest of Baltimore County and that he furnish M^r George Keeports of Baltimore Town with what Money may be necessary for making Ammunition Waggons, making and repairing Carriages and Cleaning and repairing Arms. June 4 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 89

That the Lieut of Frederick County immediately arm equip and march five hundred Militia of his County under proper Officers to George Town in Montgomery County there to remain 'till this Board otherwise directs.

Ordered that the Lieutenant of Montgomery County immediately Arm equip and March Two hundred and fifty Militia of his County under proper Officers, to George Town in the County above mentioned there to remain 'till this Board otherwise directs. p. 90

That the Lieutenant of Prince Georges County immediately arm equip and march two hundred Militia of his County under proper Officers to George Town there to remain as aforesaid.

That the Troops of Horse in Baltimore County the Troop in Kent and the Troop in Frederick County immediately repair to George Town there to remain subject to the further Order of this Board.

Commissions issued to Thomas Crampton Lieut and Benone Swearingan Ensign of Capt Joseph Chaplines Company of Select Militia in Washington County. and also to Benjamin Nicholson appointed Captain Charles Carnan Lieut and Thomas Cromwell Cornet of a Troop of Horse raised in Baltimore County in Virtue of the Act to encourage the raising a Volunteer Troop of Light Horse &^ca

[Council Circular to the Western and Eastern Treasurers.] June 4 Liber No. 78 p. 176

By a resolution of the General Assembly of Yesterday, we are requested to draw no further Orders on the Treasurer of either Shore, and that no Orders already drawn be paid by either of the Treasurers until they take further Order therein. We therefore direct you not to pay any Orders whatever until you hear further from us.

[Council Circular to the Lieu^ts of Kent, Frederick and Baltimore Counties.] Ibid.

We think a large Body of Troops drawn to a point in this State might in all Probability prevent the Enemy from invading it and would be a very important and acceptable Succour to the Marquis De La Fayette, if the Enemy should be so successful in Virginia as to encourage them to penetrate our State; under these Impressions we have ordered the Militia Horse and Select Militia from most of the Counties of this Shore and nine hundred and fifty of the Militia at large to George Town on Patowmack. and request you will

June 4 Liber No. 78 p. 176 give immediate Orders to the Troop of Horse raised in your County to repair without Delay to that Place subject to our further Orders.

Ibid. p. 177 [Council Circular to the Lieuts of Frederick, Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties.]

We think a large Body of Troops drawn to a Point in this State might in all Probability prevent the Enemy from invading it and would [also be] a very important and acceptable Succour to the Marquis Fayette, if the Enemy should be successful in Virginia as to encourage them to penetrate this State, under these Impressions we have ordered the Militia Horse and select Militia from most of the Counties of this Shore and nine hundred and fifty of the Militia at large to George Town on Patowmack, of which Militia at large we have thought proper to order five hundred from Frederick County, we therefore request you will give immediate Orders for the March of five hundred Rank and File of the Militia of your County properly armed and accoutred under a Lieutenant and Major eight Captains eight Lieutenants and eight Ensigns to that place without Delay subject to our further Orders; from Montgomery County two hundred and fifty under a Major four Captains four Lieutenants and four Ensigns and from Prince George's two hundred under a Major three Captains, three Lieut^{s} and three Ensigns

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Keeports.]

We request you will have six Ammunition Waggons, twelve travelling Carriages for four Pound Cannon immediately made, and that you pay the strictest Attention to the repairs of Arms Col^{o} Smith will furnish you with Money for these Purposes.

Ibid. [Council to Colo Thomas.]

A Letter of ours of the 14th April, we understand from Cap^{t} Bailey has not reached you, we now request an immediate Compliance, the recruits may rely upon being cloathed immediately on their Arrival as we have applied a quantity of Flour to the purchase of Cloathing which will be ready by that Time.

Ibid. p. 178 [Council to Colo Adams.]

We request you will give us the Name of the Officers who are to march with the Detachment of continental Troops now in this City and that Provisions may be made to enable them to proceed as soon as possible

Ibid. [Council to Colo William Bordley.]

We have it in our Power to furnish all the Recruits with Cloathing having applied a Quantity of Flour sufficient to purchase five hundred

Suits which will be ready in less than a fortnight, as the sending the Cloathing to Chester will be attended with a needless Expence we request you to order all the recruits which are in Chester Town immediately to this Place, that they may as soon as possible join the Southern Army. They may rely on not being sent from this before they are cloathed. June 4 Liber No. 78 p. 178

[Council to Mr. Thomas Clagett.] Ibid.

We have determined to take the Bearskins at 30 S. ꝑ. Yard payable in Tobacco at 15/ ꝑ Cent the Terms you propose. You will have them cut into Blankets of two yards each and deliver them to our Order as soon as the Amount is ascertained you shall have an Order for the Tobacco.

[Council to Thomas Sprigg, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have purchased of Samuel Hughes Esq^{r} ten Pair of four Pound Cannon which we beg you will have proved and transported to Baltimore Town, there to be delivered to Capt. George Keeports, you will impress such Waggons Teams and Drivers as may be necessary for the Transportation.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.] Ibid.

Yours of the 30 Ul^{t} we had the Honor of receiving, we intended to have had a quantity of Flour manufactured for the Philadelphia Market for the Purpose of supplying you in Time with Money, but the Assembly by their Resolution of the 29th May having applied all the Wheat and Flour in the upper Counties to the Purchase of Cloathing for the Recruits in this State and for the furnishing the Officers under marching Orders for the Southward with 30£ Specie each has prevented us from carrying on our Intentions into Execution. M^{r} Key has offered to transport immediately to Philadelphia one hundred Hogsheads of Tobacco there to be disposed of, which we have accepted, and which will enable us to lodge there a sufficient Sum of Money for your Purposes. We shall be obliged to you to let know the Determination of Congress respecting the shipping Flour &^{ca} to New York for the relief of our Captive Officers the General Assembly of this State have taken off the Embargo on Flour p. 179

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Ordered that George Murdock Esq^{r} deliver to Col^{o} Thomas Sprigg Twenty five pair of Shoes for the Recruits raised in Washington County.

That the western shore Treasurer deliver to Philip Key Esq^{r} Five hundred and thirty three hh^{ds} of Tobacco on Chaptico, Lewellins

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and Leonard Town Warehouses in S[t] Marys County to be by him transported to Philadelphia and to be accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Brigadier General Gist Twenty four sheets of Tin to be by him paid for and also Capt. Edward Hall of Spencers Regiment Cloth, and Trimmings for one Suit of Cloaths and Linen for six shirts in part of the Articles for the years 1780 & 1781.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt Edward Hall Thirty four Gallons of Rum and one hundred and thirty six pounds of Sugar due him to the first Instant.

In Virtue of the Act to procure an immediate Supply of Cloathing &[ca] the following persons are appointed Purchasers of Cloathing

Washington County,	Ely Williams
Montgomery,	Brooke Beall
Charles,	Daniel Jenifer
Calvert,	Pat, Sim Smith
Baltimore,	Samuel Smith
Cecil,	Baruch Williams
Queen Anns,	Charles Blake
Talbot,	Joseph Bruff
Somerset,	William McBryde
Frederick,	Christopher Edelin
Prince Georges,	William Clagett
Saint Marys,	Joseph Ford
Ann Arundel,	Sam[l] H. Howard
Harford,	John Gibson
Kent,	Thomas Smith
Caroline,	Philip Casson
Dorchester,	James Sullivane
Worcester,	Peter Chaillé

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[Council to Collector of St. Mary's County.]

We request you to make an immediate Return of all the Tobacco belonging to the Public in Llewellins and Leonard Town Warehouses, which is so much exposed that we think proper it should be removed but it cannot be done until the Notes are returned.

Ibid.

[Council to Colo. Wood.]

We received your Letter of the 2[d] Instant and in Answer to that Part which relates to the Militia Guard to escort the Prisoners to the State of Pensylvania, we refer you to our Letter of the first. Your requisition that we would direct Capt Read and his Company to go the whole Route and the Frederick County Troop of Horse as far as possible cannot be complied as their Services are required in this State.

[Council to Philip Key, Esqr.] June 5 Liber No. 78 p. 180

Yours of this Day we have received, we agree to your Proposals and have drawn an Order in your Favor for two hundred and thirty three Hogsheads of Tobacco on Chaptico Lewellins and Leonard Town warehouses which we would have immediately transported by the way of back Creek and the Head of Elk to Philadelphia subject to our further Orders.

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.] Ibid.

As we shall want a Quantity of Cloathing for the officers who have not yet received any Supplies of that kind, we wish you procure what blue, white and Scarlet Cloths M^{r} Muir has, which he will dispose of to the State provided the Price and Quality meet your Approbation.

[Council Circular to the Persons appointed to procure Cloathing.] Ibid.

In Virtue of the Act to procure an immediate Supply of Cloathing &^{ca} we have appointed you [to] purchase Blankets and all Sorts of Cloathing, Blankets, Hatts, Shoes, Linen for soldiers Shirts woollen Cloth for Coats Vests and overalls linen for overalls yarn Stockings linen fit for Tents Canvas Russia sheeting or Linen of equal Quality for the Troops of this State and for your Direction in executing this Business under this Appointment we have sent you a Copy of the Law, as the Cloathing is wanted immediately, we are convinced you will use your utmost Diligence in procuring what can be had in your County; and when you make a Return of what Cloathing you have got, which you [should] do as soon as possible after your purchase; we will direct you where to forward it. To the person appointed in Ann Arundel County to be inserted in his Letter, linen for officers Shirts, blue broad Cloth fit for Officers regimentals a small Quantity of Scarlet broad Cloth for facings.

[Council Circular to the Commissioners appointed under the Act for raising the supplies.] Ibid. p. 181

Enclosed you have a Copy of a Law passed this Session giving the People an Opportunity of discharging their Taxes in Bacon which we request you to have made public immediately.

[Council to George Murdock, Esqr.] Ibid.

Yours of the 3^{d} Instant we have received. Col^{o} Sprigg has an Order on you for twenty five Pair of Shoes for the recruits in Washington County, you will be so obliging as to deliver them, the remainder after supplying such of the recruits raised in Frederick County as may want; you will send by the Return of the Horses ordered with the Cloathing for the Recruits in Washington. We have given

June 5 Liber No. 78 p. 181 Orders to the person charged with the Cloathing to call on you on his return.

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Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut William Murdock of the 6th Regimt Cloth and Trimmings for a Waistcoat & Breeches due him for the year 1780. Capt. Trueman three Drum Cards to be charged to the Continent and also to Lt James Arthur of the 4th Regt Cloth & Trimgs for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for two Shirts in full for the present year.

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Ordered that the Armourer deliver to Capt Trueman one Drum, three Drum Heads, three pair Drum Sticks and two fifes to be charged to the Continent.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Edward Spurrier of the 4th Regimt Linen for two shirts. Capt. John Mitchell of the 1st Regimt Linen for two shirts and facings for a Coat he paying for the facings. Capt. John Davidson of the 2d Regimt a suit of Cloaths and four shirts. Capt. John Swan of Colo Baylars Corps Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts. Capt. Peregine Fitzhugh of the same Corps Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts and also to Captain William Reily of the 4th Regiment Linen for two shirts due them for the year 1781.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Joseph Chapline Three hundred pounds for the use of himself and his Company of Select Militia and also Two hundred and eighty pounds to be delivered over to Capt. Adam Ott for the use of himself and Company of Select Militia under marching Orders for George Town on Potowmack agreeable to a Resolution of the General Assembly of this Day to be by them accounted for.

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[Council Circular, Lieuts of Frederick and Prince George's Counties.]

Congress having made a requisition to this State for two Battalions each to consist of nine Companies and each Company of sixty four rank and File to serve for three Months wherever ordered by the Commander in Chief, which we have no Doubt will be adopted by the general Assembly, induces us to countermand our Orders to you on the 4th Instant respecting the March of the two hundred Militia to George Town.

Ibid.

[Council to Col. John Murdock.]

We have just received your Letter of the 4th Instant and think there will be no impropriety in delaying the removal of the Provisions, until we are better ascertained to what point Cornwallis will direct

his Force, if he should move towards George Town so rapidly that the Provisions would be in Danger, if you waited for our Directions, you will take every precaution for their Safety, apply to a Magistrate of Frederick and Prince Georges County for a power to impress in those Counties what Waggons Carts Teams and Drivers may be necessary to make up a sufficient Number for removing the whole to different places fourteen or fifteen Miles into some safe part of the County at a Distance from any public road. As you have not Arms for the Militia, and their Assistance may not be wanted immediately, we have thought proper to countermand so much of our Order as respects the Militia at large. You will deliver the recruits and Draughts raised in your County to the officers appointed by Col° Adams to receive and take Charge of them their Cloathing will be delivered to them as soon as they get here, and their unwillingness to march must not be regarded. We have a hundred Stand of Arms here, which we want repaired immediately and M^r^ Bailey informs us M^r^ Yest of your Town will repair them, and we request you will send down a Waggon for them immediately all Accounts against the Continent to be first paid by the State must be adjusted by the Auditor before they can be paid.

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut James John Skinner facings for a Coat he having received an Order for them some time past which was not complied with.

An order of the 23^d^ of August 1780 on the Collector of the Tax for Kent County in favor of Abraham Falconer for ten thousand pounds is returned unpaid

Commissions issued to Henry Coursey appointed Capt in the room of Richard B. Carmichael Benjamin Bunbury 1^st^ Lieut Edward Thomas 2^nd^ Lieutenant and William Diamond Ens. belonging to the 20^th^ Battalion of Militia and also to Matthew Hawkins appointed Capt in the room of Vincent Benton Edmond Fenalt 1^st^ Lieut. William Dudley 2^nd^ Lieut Joseph Gould Ensign. Joseph Gafford Ensign of Capt. Richard Holdings Company. James Thompson Capt in the room of Thomas Seager. James Holding 1^st^ Lieut. William Thompson 2^d^ Lieut Aquila Fogwell Ens. Bexley Newman Capt. in the room of Thomas Price, Samuel Walls 1^st^ Lieut. John Sands Ens. James Massey 2^d^ Lieut. Eliazer Massey Ens. of Capt. William Falconer Comp^y^. John Young Keene Capt. in the room of Samuel Ridgeway, Thomas Casson 1^st^ Lieut and James Baynard Ensign belonging to the Fifth Battalion of Militia in Queen A. County also to Henry Hollingsworth appointed Col° in the room of Edward Parker, Sam^l^ Evans L^t^ Col° Samuel Maffet Major. David Ricketts Capt in the room of Sam. Evans, Ebenezer Booth 1 Lieut. James McGuire 2^d^

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Lieut. Benjamin Ricketts Ens. Caleb Alexander Capt in the room of Samuel Gilpin, Benjamin Miller 1st Lieut Lewis Bouldin 2d Lieut John Corry Campbell Ens. William Scott Capt in the room of Samuel Maffet, Alexander Wilson 1st Lieut. James Johnson 2d Lieut. David Barr Ens. Hezekiah South Capt. in the room of Andrew Miller, George Alexander 1st Lieut. James Coughran, John Evans Ens. James Mackey Capt in the room of Hezekiah South Thomas Gilleland 1st Lieut. Daniel Job 2d Lieut. Isaac Hall Ens. Samuel Gilpin Capt. in the room of John Oglevie Samuel McCown 1 Lt John Jones 2d Lt John Coughran Ens. John Oglevie Capt. in the room of Jona Booth, Richd Bond, jr 1 Lt Elisha Rogers 2d Lt James Bogs Ens. Abraham Cazier Capt. Jacob Lunn 1 Lt Harman Arrints 2d Isaac Holt Ens. belongs to the Elk Batt of Militia in Cecil County.

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Commission issued to William Shircliff appointed Ensign of Capt Hezekiah Wheelers Company of Select Militia raised in Prince Georges County.

Thomas Wall is hereby permitted to exhibit Theatrical Performances.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Gilbert Middleton for the Plater as much Canvas as is necessary to alter the Ringtail and twine sufficient to make the Alteration.

Whereas it appears to this Board from the Representation of John Barnes Esqr that William Gibbons late of the State of Georgia was driven from thence by the Enemy and has settled in this State, that he has taken the Oath of Allegiance to the State of Georgia and done every thing that a good Citizen could do in support of his County, the said William Gibbons has the Approbation of this Board to settle in this State.

Robert Culver drafted from the Militia of Harford County appeared before the Board and having produced a Memorial from several of the Inhabitants of the said County and a Certificate from Doctr James Murray of this City of his being incapable of Military Duty having had a fracture of his Leg near the Ankle which has been improperly reduced, is therefore discharged from the service for which he was Drafted.

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[Council to Colo. Richard Dallam.]

We received your's by Culver and have given him a Discharge. We cannot give any opinion with respect to your Proceedings with the Class more than to collect the Money we expect the General Assembly will take up the Business respecting the Draughts, should they, you may depend on hearing from us.

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Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut. John Carr of the 3d Regimt two Gallons of Rum and eight pounds of Sugar and also to Capt Christian Orendorff of the 6th Regimt thirty four Gallons of Rum and one hundred and thirty six pounds of Sugar Stores due to the 1st Instant

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Christian Orendorff Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts due him for the year 1780.

Commission issued to Matthew Ridley Esqr appointed adjutant to the Troops of Light Horse raised in this State and now ordered into Actual Service.

Mr Lyde Goodwin is hereby appointed Surgeon and William King Quarter Master of the Troops of Horse raised in this State and now ordered into actual Service.

Whereas from Information given this Board have good reason to believe that Henry Newcomer and Bleachy of Washington County and Fritchy Kelly and Tinckles of Frederick County are disaffected and Dangerous Persons whose going at Large may be detrimental to the State. The Lieutenant of Washington is therefore ordered to arrest Henry Newcomer and Bleachy and the Lieutenant of Frederick to arrest Fritchy Kelly and Tinckles without delay and have them before the Board forthwith that they may be dealt with according to Law.

[Council to Commissary of St. Mary's County.]

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We request you will procure some Whiskey or Brandy for the Militia of St. Mary's County, to be delivered out to them in small Quantities when called into actual Service, and only at Such Times as the Lieutenant of the County may think it absolutely necessary.

[Council Circular to Lieuts of Prince Georges, Montgomery and Frederick Counties.]

Ibid.

We have received Information from the Lieutenant of Charles County that a Number of the Vessels of the Enemy are standing up Patowmack and we have great reason to conjecture they meditate an Attack against George Town or some of the upper parts of this State, p. 183 which render it necessary to renew on Orders we gave you in our Letter of the 4th Instant, you will therefore consider them as the subsisting orders of this Board and march the Men with the utmost Expedition to George Town subject to our further Order.

[Council to Colo Adams.]

Ibid.

By Express from Colo Ware of Charles County, we learn that several Sail of Vessels were seen on yesterday standing up the River

June 9 Liber No. 78 p. 183 Patowmack, among which was a large Ship as high as Blackstones Island. We wish to have the State Boat down the Bay on the look out but are prevented from the want of Men, Capt Middleton has been three or four Days past endeavouring to procure a sufficient Number on Hire without Effect. We therefore shall take it as a particular Favor if you will furnish him with eight Soldiers to enable him to proceed down the Bay.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Middleton.]

You are hereby directed immediately to proceed down the Bay at least as far as the lower End of poplar Island and to keep a constant look out to discover the Enemy. You are to remain below until you make Discoveries which you may think ought to be communicated to us or receive our Directions to return, for which Purpose when necessary a boat will be dispatched to you.

Ibid. [Council to Francis Ware, Esqr.]

In Consequence of the Information contained in yours of yesterday, we have ordered the Select Militia, the Troops of Horse, four hundred of the Militia of Montgomery and five hundred from Frederick to rendezvous at George Town, St. Mary's we leave to defend their County and four hundred from Prince Georges are to march wherever they may be wanted. We request you immediately to order p. 184 four hundred of the Charles County Militia under proper Officers to be collected armed and stationed at the most advantageous Posts for Defence, if the Enemy attempt to land in your County, but should you receive Intelligence of their being landed or about to land in either of the adjoining Counties, you will immediately march such Parts of your Militia as may be necessary to that place so as to assist in repelling the Enemy without waiting for our further Orders.

See the Post Script about the Companies and number of officers in the circular letter.

Ibid. [Council to Thomas Richardson, Esqr.]

The Troops of light Horse and other Militia are ordered immediately to George Town, if you have not a sufficient Quantity of Forage to supply them, we request you will immediately procure it on the best Terms you can and in the most expeditious Manner.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Nicholas R. Moore.]

Yours of the 7th Instant we have received, the necessary Forage &ca will be provided before you reach George Town. Mr Ridley is appointed Adjutant to the Troops of light Horse ordered into Service, and we have enclosed you a blank Warrant for a Quarter Master, which you will fill up as appears to you proper, you are also em-

powered to hire a Smith on the most reasonable Tearms you can obtain one, to attend the several Corps of light Horse. June 9 Liber No. 78 p. 184

[Council Circular to Lieu[ts] Frederick and Washington Counties.] Ibid.

Enclosed you have Warrants to apprehend Henry Newcomer of Washington County, Fritchy of Frederick Town. Kelly of Frederick County Bleachy of Washington and Tinkles near Kelly, whose going at large we have the strongest reason to believe from the Information of Cap[t] Orendorff is dangerous and may be detrimental to the State. The Capt. intends to have another Interview with them and converse fully on the Subject; he thinks they repose the utmost Confidence in him and will disclose all their Views and mention the Names of the principal Persons concerned in the Plot. If you think no bad Consequence will arise from your delaying to execute the warrants, we p. 185 would have you do it, till the fullest Information can be obtained otherwise we would have them taken into Custody immediately and sent down, we wish you would see Capt. Orendorff and talk with him.

[Council Circular to Commissaries of St. Mary's, Prince George's and Charles Counties.] Ibid.

You will discover in perusing the enclosed Act that we are empowered and requested to order the Commissaries of those Counties most easily approachable by the Enemy what Stock may be in Danger of falling into their Hands if such Purchase cannot be effected to order a Seizure, and several Parts of your County being in our Opinion much exposed to the Enemy, we hereby authorise and direct you to purchase one hundred Beef Cattle in those Parts of your County which are most exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy and in Case the owners of the Stock will not consent to sell them, we direct you to seize them and pursue the particular Directions of the Act when a Seizure is made. If the Number of the Stock in exposed Places should exceed what we have directed you to purchase or seize you will apply to the Lieu[t] to oblige the Owners to drive them out of the reach of the Enemy. You will have the Cattle purchased and seized drove by a safe Route to George Town in Montgomery County and there delivered to M[r] Thomas Beall Assistant Commissary to M[r] Richardson

[Council Circular to Lieuts. of Prince George's and Washington Counties.] Ibid.

By Information received from the Lieutenant of Charles County of a Number of Vessels standing up the River Patowmack which in all Probability [are] the Enemy from James River to cooperate with the Army under Lord Cornwallis. It has become necessary that a Number of the Militia be immediately collected and stationed at the

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most advantageous Parts for Defence, you are therefore requested to order out four hundred of the Militia at large of your County under proper Officers consisting of one Col° or Lieut Col° one Major eight Capt[s]. eight Lieut[s]. eight Ensigns and twenty four Serjeants, and march them to such Places, where the Enemy will most probably make an Attempt to land, but in Case you should receive certain Intelligence that a Body of the Enemy have landed or are about to land in any of the Counties on Patowmack you will immediately march your Men to that Place without waiting for our Orders. We have directed the Commissaries to purchase or seize those Cattle fit for use most exposed, and we request your Attention to the removal of them or any others liable to fall into the Hands of the Enemy.

Ibid.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.]

We are favored with yours of the 1st Instant and agree with you in Opinion that an Inspector of Brigade would be an Officer of great Utility; but as the Law has not authorized us to appoint or Commission any such Officer, it is not in our Power to comply with your requests by appointing Mr Hamilton.

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[Council Circular, Lieuts of Frederick and Washington Counties.]

Late last Night and after our Dispatches of yesterday were closed a Law for the Trial of Spies, and such as may join the Enemy was enacted by the Legislature a Copy whereof you have enclosed; such a Law has been for a long Time necessary, and it has been now hastened from the Information given by Orendorff.

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt John Mitchell as much Linnen proper for binding soldiers hats as he may think necessary.

That the Collector of the Tax for St. Marys County pay to Joseph Ford Comy for said County fifteen thousand pounds of Tobacco on Acct

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Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt John Davidson of the 2d Regimt Twenty Gallons of Rum and eighty pounds sugar.

That Henry Rozier Esqr deliver to John Smith Brookes Commissary of Prince Georges County all the Barrels in his Possession belonging to the Public.

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[Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.]

We have received yours of this Day, and have enclosed the Law omitted to be sent in our's of the 9th Instant to which we refer you

for your Guide in the Purchase of the Cattle. The Assembly made a Resolution the last week not to draw any Money from the Treasury or to pay any Orders already drawn until they should take further Order therein which prevents us from supplying you with any Money, we have enclosed an Order on M^{r} Rozier for the barrels in his Possession June 11 Liber No. 78 p. 186

[Council to Richard Barnes, Esqr.] Ibid. p. 187

We request you wil direct the Tobacco in the several warehouses within your County, exposed to the Enemy to be removed to such Places of Security as you may think. You will be pleased to give us the earliest Intelligence of any interesting Movements of the Enemy.

[Council to Joseph Ford, Esq^{r}] Ibid.

We have received yours of the 7th Instant, and think it would be proper for you to supply the Militia with fresh Provisions and to preserve the salt Provisions as long as you possibly can, which may be made use of in the Heat of Summer when fresh Provisions will not answer. We have enclosed an Order on the Collector for 15,000 Pounds of Tobacco. The Assembly have not taken any Order respecting the Tobacco in your Hands burnt in St. Mary's warehouses, when they do, your Account may be finally settled, we wrote you on the 9th Instant and are apprehensive, did not enclose the Law mentioned to be enclosed, and therefore now send you it, we do not think it proper that more Barrels should be made up in your County than may be necessary for the Post

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.] Ibid.

Several of the Soldiers raised last year for the old regiments and the Regiment extraordinary have applied to this Board for their Bounties. We wish to do Justice to them and request it as a Favor that you would have a List of those who have not received their Bounties be made out and lodged with this Board that the Money may be issued to them.

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.] Ibid.

Doctor Schenebly of Washington County has sent some Horses which he received from the State to take Care of for the Winter you will be so obliging as to receive them and lodge with this Board a Certificate of the Number and their Condition.

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.] Ibid. p. 188

Yours of the 8th Instant we have received and are pleased with your Prospects of procuring Cloathing, to enable the Detachment at this Place to march, it will be necessary to furnish them with about

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one hundred Tents and as many Tin or sheet Iron camp kettles, which we request you will either purchase or immediately procure under the Powers invested in you under the Law which was enclosed in our Last. The Lead you have ordered from Philadelphia will be very acceptable. We shall consider the Propriety of shipping in Future Tobacco to France, but at Present we have such immediate Demands for Supplies for the Army and we apprehend it will be necessary to apply all our Tobacco to those Purposes. We shall forward you the one hundred Hogsheads of Tobacco, whenever we have it in the warehouses you mention. If you have not already made Contracts for Arms you will suspend that Business until you receive our further Directions therein.

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Tuesday 12th June 1781

Ordered that the Armourer deliver to Thomas Rutland a Tackle fall belonging to the State to be returned and if any way injured by him to be replaced by another equally as good.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Thomas Rouse of the 2d Regiment Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts in part for the year 1781

Commissions issued to Robert Bowie appointed Captain in the room of John H. Beanes and also to John Harris Gibbs Ensign of Capt. Richard Stonestreets Company in the Lower Battalion of Militia in Prince Georges County.

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[Council to Mr. William Clagett.]

We are informed that Mr William Bowie at Upper Marlbro and Mr Fielder Bowie at Nottingham have a Number of Tin Kettles fit for Camp, as they are much wanted to enable the Detachment at this Place to march, we request you will immediately procure such as will hold at least two Gallons and have them forwarded to this place with the utmost Dispatch.

Ibid.

[Council to Colo. Joshua Beall.]

We have received your Letter of the 11th by Colo Lyles. The uncertainty of the Movements of the Enemy at present keeps us in Doubt of the Propriety of discharging the Militia, but it is very probable that in twenty four Hours certain Intelligence may arrive that will determine the operations of the Militia and you shall have immediate Notice, We cannot send you any more Arms at Present but will order a little Cartridge Paper if you cannot by means of the Purchaser Mr Claget procure enough with[in] your County. You will see the Law allowing the Militia Rations when on Duty. It will

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we Doubt not be carefully attended to in the orders you give for

Whiskey or Brandy being issued and in as small Proportion as the Service and Necessity will admit, only when absolutely necessary. Mr Brookes the Commissary has Directions to obey your Orders. June 12 Liber No. 78 p. 189

[Council to John Smith Brookes Esqr.] Ibid.

Both of your Letters of yesterday are received and we wrote an Answer to that by Mr Crauford by Mr Bowie enclosed the printed Law. The uncertainty of the Movements of the Enemy at Present keeps [us] in Doubt, but we think in twenty four [hours] we shall be on a certainty as to the Force under Leslie; if we hear of their going to the Southward, the Militia will be discharged immediately, if otherwise they are kept in Service, you must be governed by the Laws in being as to the Delivery of Provisions for them. In regard to whiskey or Brandy, we request you will procure some for the Militia of Prince George's County to be delivered out in small Quantities to them when called into actual Service and only at such Times as the Lieutenant of the County may think it absolutely necessary.

[Council to General Assembly.] Ibid.

In the Jack o'Lanthorn captured by the Antilope and Felicity were three Negroes, one the property of Mr John Eden a Subject of this State, the others we are informed are the Property of some of the Subjects of the State of Virginia, those Negroes with the Vessel and what appertained to her have been condemned in the Court of Admiralty of this State and sold; the Negroe belonging to Mr John Eden was delivered to him by our Order on his engaging to restore him when required by this Board the other Negroes are still confined in Ann Arundel County Goal. Application has been made to us in Behalf of the Recaptors for the Negroes, that they may be delivered to the Purchasers. We have delayed complying with their request till we could submit the Matter to the Consideration of the general Assembly and obtain their opinion whether Negroe Property is or ought to be subject to the Rules of Determination which prevail in other Personal Property recaptured or whether Justice and good Policy from the Nature of their Property, the Facility with which they abandon the Service of their Masters who live on the Waters do not admit a Departure from the general Rules. We wish to have the Directions of the general assembly what shall be done with those Negroes. p. 190

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Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Major Aquila Giles thirty four Gallons of Rum and one hundred and thirty six pounds of Sugar due him to the first Instant.

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That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Major Aquila Giles Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four Shirts due him for the year 1780.

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[Council to Major William Sterett.]

A certain James Delahunty who says he arrived some little Time ago into Chingotigue was examined by one of the Magistrates of Talbot County and for want of a Pass and not being able to give a good Account of himself was by him sent to this Board for further Examination, he informs us you knew him in the West Indies, and can give us Information respecting him, we request you will by the first opportunity, acquaint us with any Circumstances you know relative to him. M^r^ Delahunty says he came from Ireland, with M^r^ David Plunkett and landed at Santa Cruz and came from thence to Chingotigue with Linnens &^ca^ in the Schooner Cap^t^ Friar belonging to Rudolph and Armstead

Ibid.

[Council to Cesar Rodney, Esqr.]

Since we had the Honor of addressing your Excellency on the 2^d^ Ult. respecting the Seizure of M^r^ Snow by George Mann and of his delivering him into the Hands of the Enemy, We have obtained Information that James Dorsey and Sarah his wife and Margaret Wallace are Evidences materially necessary to establish the Fact and shall take it as a particular Favor if you will have those Persons immediately bound over to appear at the next general Court for this State on the Eastern shore of the said State on the Second Tuesday in Sept. next against the said Mann Silas Snow has entered into a recognizance before one of the Judges of the general Court of this State to appear as an Evidence against Mann.

Ibid.
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[Council to Colo. Hôllingsworth.]

We request you to take the first opportunity of forwarding to this Place all the Bread you have at your Post agreeable to the Sample delivered as we conceive it may be of some use for our Boats and other Purposes.

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Thursday 14^th^ June 1781

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Christian Myers of the German Regiment Cloth and Trimmings for two suits of Cloaths and Linen for six shirts in part of the Articles allowed for the years 1780 & 1781.

Commissions issued to Benjamin Townsend appointed Captain Thomas McLachlan Lieut and Richard Hodgson Cornet of a Troop

of light Horse in Cecil County raised in Virtue of the Act to encourage the raising a Volunteer Troop of Light Horse in Baltimore Town and each County of this State. June 14 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 93

[Council Circular to Lieut[s] of Charles, Prince Georges, Montgomery and Frederick Counties.] June 14 Liber No. 78 p. 191

The Information we received a few Days past of a large Force of the Enemy coming up Patowmack appears to have been without sufficient Foundation. We therefore think it unnecessary at present to keep the Militia at large on Duty and direct you to have them dismissed.

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In pursuance of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 13[th] June 1781. This Board took into Consideration the Cases of John Hammond Cromwell and William Groves and after deliberating on the Circumstances thereof are of opinion that their going at large would be Dangerous to the State and therefore Order that John H. Cromwell be confined to the District of Octarara Hundred in Cecil County and William Groves to the District of Harford County not to depart the Limits thereof without the Leave of the Governor and Council for the time being first had and obtained and to be of good behaviour in the mean time and that John Hammond Cromwell enter into Bond with two good and Sufficient Securities in the Penalty of three thousand pounds Specie and William Groves in the Penalty of seven hundred and fifty pounds Specie to comply with the said order and further that William Groves give Bond with one other good Security in the penalty of one hundred pounds Specie that his son William Groves Jun[r] be of good behaviour and conduct himself as a good and faithful Subject of this State during the present war between America and Great Britain.

Commissions issued to Osborne Williams appointed Captain Joseph Cross Lieut. Joseph Queen Ensign of a Company of Select Militia raised in Prince Georges County and also to Henry Dickinson appointed Captain Vincent Price Lieut and Charles Daffin Cornet of a Troop of light Horse in Caroline County raised in Virtue of the "Act to encourage the raising a Volunteer Troop of light Horse in Baltimore Town and each County of this State" p. 94

[Council to Thomas How Ridgate Esq[r].] June 15 Liber No. 78 p. 191

Yours of the 13[th] Instant by M[r] Turner is received, the Price of the Goods quoted by you are much higher than those of the same kind offered, and therefore we cannot purchase them on the Terms proposed.

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[Council to Daniel Jenifer, Esqr.]

We received yours of the 13th and have heard from Mr Ridgate, his Terms are so extravagantly high that we cannot think of purchasing his Goods, and therefore leave them to you to do with as you may think proper. Mr Beale Turner says that none of the Goods have been removed from Port Tobacco the Assembly are making every Exertion to establish the Credit and Validity of the Certificates, and of the paper Money of this State so that for the future we hope there will be no real Foundation for suspecting that they will not be punctually discharged.

Ibid.
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[Council to William Clagett, Esqr.]

Yours of the 13th Instant is received your brother has made us an offer of German Dawlas Oznabrigs and felt Hatts which we have referred to you they are such Articles as are wanting for the Army, you will have all the Goods immediately collected and sent to this Place to be delivered to Mr John Muir Commissary of Stores

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Saturday 16th June 1781

Ordered that the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to the Western Shore Treasurer five thousand three hundred and fifteen pounds, seven shillings and four pence of the new Emission, two hundred and ninety eight thousand eight hundred and six pounds of Crop and forty eight thousand four hundred and eighty six pounds of Transfer Tobo

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Commodore Grason for the Crew of the Barge Revenge belonging to the State five Days Provisions.

Commissions issued to Zedekiah Walley appointed Captain Joseph Handy first Lieut of the Barge Protector in the Service of this State.

John Muir appointed Purchaser of Cloathing in Ann Arundel County in the room of Samuel Harvey Howard who refused.

In Pursuance of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 13th Instant. This Board took into Consideration the Cases of John Taylor and Joshua Dorsey and after deliberating on the Circumstances thereof are of opinion that their going at large would be dangerous to the State and therefore order that John Taylor be confined to the District of Montgomery County and Joshua Dorsey to the limits of Ann Arundel, Calvert, Charles, St. Marys and Prince Georges Counties not to depart the limits thereof without the leave of the Governor and Council for the time being first had and obtained and to be of good behaviour in the mean time and that John Taylor enter into Bond with good security in the Penalty of one thousand pounds Specie and Joshua Dorsey in the Penalty of five hundred pounds specie to comply with the said Order.

Robert Boyd of Queen Anns County complains that on the 16th June 1781 he was called into Mr John Davidson's Store by Captain Trueman, who asked him in the presence of Major Steward if he saw him take a watch from a soldier. Boyd said he did not, but that he saw him have a Watch. Captain Trueman then struck him three Times with a Cane, Boyd went to his Barge lying at the Dock and then Capt Trueman drew up the Soldiers before the Barge and asked him to point out the Soldier that he took the watch from. Boyd told him he did not know the soldier for he did not see Capt Trueman take it. Capt Trueman Struck him several Times again and then James Ray the Lieut of the Barge interfered and many blows passed between Capt. Trueman and the Lieut[t] and after the affray and after the people belonging to the Barge who were concerned in the Affray had got on board of the Barge Major Steward came to the Barge and ordered the Complainant Ray and George Cox under Guard and Capt. Trueman with the Guard carried them to the Guard House and ordered them to be put in Irons and went away, Ray and Boyd were handcuffed together and Cox alone they remained in the Guard House handcuffed about half an Hour. Capt Trueman then had the handcuffs taken off of Boyd and carried him to Mr Davidsons and asked him if he had seen him with a Watch, and he said he did. Capt Trueman after that carried him back to the Guard House and ordered him to strip. Boyd asked him if he was not to have a Treat first. Trueman damn'd him and told him no, he would whip him and ordered the Guard strip him and then he pulled of all his Cloaths but his shirt and then Trueman whipt him very severely with a Cow-skin. Capt. Trueman then discharged him and after that released Ray and Cox.

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[Council to Lieutenant of Kent County.]

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By the last Accounts from Virginia the Enemy were moving Southwardly which indicates no immediate Intention of invading this State. We therefore countermand the marching Orders issued for the Troop of Horse of your County, and have no Doubt but they will exert themselves in getting every necessary Accoutrement and in perfecting themselves for the Field, as it is quite uncertain at what Hour their Services will be required.

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

Ibid.

Complaints have been made to us by Thomas Grason commanding officer of the Barge Revenge that James Ray Robert Boyd and another Person belonging to the said Barge are confined in the Guard House by order of some of our Officers we therefore request Inquiry may be immediately made into the Cause of such extraordinary and unwarrantable Proceedings and that [the] Men [be] released from such Confinement

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[Council to Colo. Barnes.]

John Taylor has been discharged by this Board on giving Security in the Sum of 1000£ for his good Behaviour and his confining himself to the District of Montgomery County, Cap^{t} Maybury is his Security for the Present to enable him to return Home and procure other Security, we have enclosed you a Bond a Duplicate of the one given which we request you to see executed with such Security as you may approve of, and which we shall be obliged to you to transmit as soon as possible by some safe Hand.

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[Council to Major John Steward.]

The enclosed Complaint contains a Charge against you of ordering three of the Citizens of the State under Guard and confining them in the Guard House where they were put in Irons and Robert Boyde one of them severely whipt. We have resolved to go into an Inquiry and full Investigation of the Charge and Justice requires you should have Notice thereof and an Opportunity of answering it, we therefore inform you that to-morrow Morning at 10 o'Clock we shall enter into the Examination when you attend.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt. Alexander Trueman.]

The enclosed Complaint contains a Charge against you of confining three of the Citizens of the State in the Guard House, putting them in Irons, and whipping Robert Boyd one of them severely, we have resolved to go into an Inquiry and full Investigation of the Charge, and Justice requires you should have Notice thereof and an Opportunity of answering it, we therefore inform you that to morrow Morning we shall enter into the Examination when you may attend

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Monday 18th June 1781

On the Representation of Lieut John Kilty that he obtained an order on the Commissary of Stores for one suit of Cloaths and linen for six shirts in part for the last and present year and that he hath lost or mislaid the same and that the Contents thereof have never been complied with therefore ordered that the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut John Kilty of Baylors Corps one suit of Cloaths and linen for six shirts in part for the last and present year.

Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Major John Eccleston Ten Gallons of Rum and forty pounds of Sugar due him to the 1st Instant.

In Virtue of the "Act entitled An Act for the Trial and Punishment of Spies and such as may join the Enemy." We have and do hereby appoint Major Gen^{l} William Smallwood, Lieut Col^{o} Peter

Adams, Lieut Col° James Tootell, Major's John Eccleston and John Davidson, and Captains Jonathan Sellman, John Courts Jones, Edward Prall, John Mitchell and Nicholas Maccubbin jun^r^ a Court of Judicature for the Trial of Thomas Doyle suspected and apprehended as a Spy or Emissary from the Enemy. June 18 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 95

Given under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this 18^th^ Day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

Commissions issued to Thomas Henry Howard appointed first Lieut. Beriah Maybury 2^d^ Lieut. and Benjamin Ogle 3^d^ Lieut of Capt Samuel Harvey Howards Independent Company of Militia in the City of Annapolis.

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.] June 18 Liber No. 78 p. 193

By the enclosed Commission we have appointed you President of a Court of Judicature instituted for the Trial of Thomas Doyle apprehended as a Spy, the following Persons have been mentioned to us as the witnesses against [him], Ann Burton, James Joiner, John Irvington, John Chalmers, Robert Berry and William Goldsmith, We request you to transmit to this Board the Proceedings of the Court with the Testimony adduced against the Prisoner, and not to discharge him in Case of Acquital until we shall take Order therein.

Tuesday 19^th^ June 1781. June 19 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 95

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col° Samuel Smith one hundred hhds of Tobacco to be by him applied to the Purchase of Cloathing &^ca^ and to be by him Accounted for.

That Richard Dallam Esq^r^ deliver to Col° Sam^l^ Smith one hundred and sixty Barrels of public flour in his hands.

On the Resignation of the Honble General Smallwood Lieut. Col° Peter Adams, Lieut Col° James Tootell, Major John Eccleston and John Davidson and Captains Jonathan Sellman, John Courts Jones, Edward Praul, John Mitchell and Nicholas Maccubbin Jun^r^ are appointed a Court of Judicature for the Trial of Thomas Doyle suspected and Apprehended as a Spy or Emissary from the Enemy.

[Council Circular, John Davidson and Isaac McHard] June 19 Liber No. 78 p. 193

We request you will attend this Board immediately

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.] Ibid.

Yours of the 14, 17 & 18^th^ Instant respecting the Tents &^ca^ we received. Col° Adams was not authorised by this Board to make the Application, nor can Business be conducted in a proper Line if every officer that thinks proper, gives his Directions, we therefore acquaint

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you not to comply with any Orders, but from us; The Tents are much wanted nor can we do without them. The Tobacco delivered M[r] Key is for particular Purposes and will be solely under his Directions in Consequence of his Engagement to advance the Money for transporting and superintending that Business without a Reward. We wish you to be as expeditious as possible with the Tents and Camp Kettles, as the Mo[ve]ments of the Troops now here, depend on those Articles, The Blankets will be indisputably necessary, we therefore wish you to collect all you can, or any Thing that will answer the End. We have complied with your Requests for the Tobacco and Order on M[r] Dallam for one hundred and Sixty Barrels of Flour. We conceive it proper that you should exercise the Power invested in you under the late Law for procuring Cloathing particularly when the Possessor of the Articles wanted, have been backward in affording Assistance to the State.

Ibid.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.]

Major Griest John Steel Thomas and William Johnson have given Information to M[r] Goldsmith of this City, that a Person who conducts himself in a very suspicious Manner lodges with a Man on the Point who is generally thought to be disaffected; he came from New York and has been at Baltimore about three weeks, is constantly prying into what is going on and says he associates with no one nor is known to any Body. We wish you would endeavour to find out this Man and inquire into the Circumstances of his behaviour, and if you think there is good Ground to suspect him as a Spy or a Person whose going at large may be dangerous to the State, We request you would cause him to be apprehended and his papers seized and sent with him to this Board.

Ibid. p. 195

[Council to Mr. William Howell.]

You will deliver forty Barrels of the Pork received from M[r] Blake to John Chrysal issuing Commissary at this Post, the remainder you will carry to Baltimore and deliver to James Calhoun Esq[r].

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Wednesday 20[th] June 1781

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Jacob Gromith of the German Regiment Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts due him for the year 1780 and also to Commodore Thomas Grason nine sheets of Tinn for the use of the Barges belong[g] to the State.

That the Armourer deliver to the said Commodore Grason five Swivel Guns, three formers, twelve Prickers, twenty four Tompeons, six touch hole bitts and what Swivel Ball he may want for the above ment[d] Barges.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Commodore Grason five Days Provisions for himself and Crew of the Barge Revenge. June 20 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 95

In Pursuance of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 13th Inst. This Board took into Consideration the Case of Thomas Price and after deliberating on the Circumstances thereof are of opinion that his going at large would be dangerous to the State and therefore order that the said Thomas Price be confined to the Limits of Dorchester County not to depart therefrom without the leave of the Governor and Council for the time being and to be of good behaviour in the mean time and that the said Thomas Price enter into Bond with good and sufficient Security in the Penalty of one hundred Pounds specie to comply with the said Order. p. 96

[Council to Colo Francis Ware.]

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Many Applications having been made to this Board by Persons who have been draughted, and who have Familys and the general Assembly having lodged the Power of giving Relief in such Cases to the Lieutenants of the Counties, we have thought proper to send you an Extract from the Law for your Guide

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Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colo Lodowick Weltner of the German Regiment one suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts for the year 1780 and also to Capt. Edward Spurrier one suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts to be delivered over to Lieut Joshua Burgess of the 4th Regiment

That the Issuing Commissary delivers to Lieut John Kilty of the 3d Regimt of Light Dragoons and Doctr Kilty of the 5th Regt each, four gallons of Rum and Sixteen pounds of Sugar due to the 1st Instant

Special Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery issued to Frederick County directed to the Honble Robert Hanson Harrison and Alexander Contee Hanson Esquire and Upton Sheredine, James Johnson, William Murdock Beall and Philip Thomas Gentlemen or any three or more of them. In Virtue of the "Act entitled an Act to enable the Governor to Issue Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery in certain Cases" and agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly of the 20th Instant.

[Council to John Murdock, Esqr.]

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By John Beeden we have sent eighty Musquets one hundred Bayonetts fifty Cartridge Boxes, two thousand five hundred and fifty Cartridges, and thirty five new Locks; The Musquets you will direct to be repaired immediately.

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[Council to Thomas Sprigg, Esqr.]

Yours of the 17th Instant we have received, and think it a happy Circumstance that you have made such ample Discovery of a Treason so dangerous and extensive. A Special Court is appointed to meet at Frederick Town for the Trial of Criminals and goal Delivery, in which Manner those Persons apprehended in your County are to be tried. We request you will order the Prisoners to Frederick Town under a sufficient Guard, Whenever the Court sits, the Reason you mention we think sufficient for the Detention of the Company of select Militia of your County.

Ibid

[Council to Colo. Charles Birkhead.]

Your Letter of the 18th we have received, the Lieutenant of the County is the proper Person to enforce the Law against those who
p. 196 refuse to march those People draughted ought either to procure substitutes or take their Tour of Duty as well as others embarked in the same Contest, we therefore request you to order them immediately to this City to join the Troops here that they may march when ready. You have enclosed an Extract of the Act of Assembly authorizing you to excuse such Draughts as you may think come under the Description of the said Act.

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Ordered that the Armourer deliver to Lieut William Goldsmith of the Select Militia one pair Horse Pistols to be returned when called for.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Edward Tillard of the 4th Regimt Ten gallons of Rum and forty pounds of sugar Stores due to the 1st Inst

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Jonathan Sellman of the 4th Regimt Scarlet Cloth sufficient for facings for a Coat.

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[Council to Thomas Contee Esqr.]

We have received your Letter of the 22d respecting some Goods taken by Mr William Claget belonging to your Son, similar Seizures have been made in most of the Counties, in Consequence of a Law for procuring an immediate Supply of Cloathing for the Troops. When the Possessor of the Goods and the Commissary cannot agree on the Price, the Commissary is authorized to seize the Goods and give a Certificate to the Owner expressing the Quantitys and Qualitys and directed to send a Copy of the Certificates to us with Samples of the Goods, but no Mode is prescribed by the Law for ascertaining the Value which induces us to conclude that it is the Intention of the Assembly to have the Value fixed at some future Session by Committee of that Body.

[Council to Patrick Sim Smith, Esqr.] June 22
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We have received your Letter of this Date, and as we have occa- p. 196
sion to send the Boat Plator Capt Middleton to Patuxent to convoy some Tobacco vessels from thence, we have ordered him to wait on you and bring all the Salted Provisions you have. If it is in large Casks, the Transportation will be easy and it can be repacked in Barrels here if not immediately used. You will hasten Capt Middleton away with all possible Dispatch.

[Council to Capt. Gilbert Middleton.] Ibid.

You will immediately proceed to Lower Marlbro in Patuxent and there apply to Patrick Sim Smith Esq^{r} for some Salt Provisions be- p. 197
longing to the State, and take it on Board and then you will proceed to the Vessels in the same River loading with Tobacco by M^{r} Key on Account of the State bound to the Head of the Bay which you are to convoy as far as this Place; when you are to return with the Provisions, unless you think there is Danger from the Enemy, in such Case you are to convoy them until you think they are out of Danger.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.] Ibid.

We were honored with yours of the 12th Instant, be assured that your very disagreeable Situation for want of remittances from this State, has given us real Concern, and that it would give us considerable Relief to remove them immediately. We have delivered Philip Key Esq^{r} two hundred and thirty Hogsheads of Tobacco to be immediately transported to Philadelphia, eighty Hogsheads of which are now a Float, from the Sales thereof you are to be supplied with Money. M^{r} Key drew an Order on M^{r} Mollohan for sixty Pounds Specie to be delivered to you which we imagine you have received. You may rely, Gentlemen that if our Abilities were equal to our Inclinations, you would not be left in such embarrassing Circumstances.

[Conncil to Gen'l Assembly.] Ibid.

We have lately made many Contracts with the Individuals of the State, for Provision and military Stores, presuming that Means would have been provided by the General Assembly, to enable us to comply with them; some of these Contracts are in paper, others in Specie, and the rest in Specie to be paid in Tobacco or Flour at a Price, to be ascertained by the Governor and Council, and the Party or Bills on the Havanna. The Articles have been delivered and the Party call on us to perform our part of the Contract; insisting and we believe very truly, that he has expended considerable sums of his own Money, in procuring and furnishing the Articles, and that he p. 198
will be put to great Inconvenience unless he is paid. We are exceed-

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ingly distressed by the Applications and Complaints of the Creditors of the State, and greatly embarrassed by the Resolution of the 3^{d} Instant, and the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State. The Act directs that all Claims against the State for Debts or Contracts since the 1st Day of December seventeen hundred and seventy seven shall be reduced to Specie, according to the true Value, observing the Rule prescribed, and that a Certificate shall be given by the Treasurer, on our Order, for that Sum in Specie but does not direct that when the Contract is in Specie that a Certificate shall be given for the Amount, to be discharged in the same Manner and when Certificates given on Contracts for paper Money or Produce seized &^{ca} are to be paid, which makes the Person who has contracted in Specie insist that he ought to be immediately paid specie or an Equivalent in Tobacco or Flour. With Deference we presume it was not the Intention of the Legislature to make any Distinction between Debts and Contracts in Paper or Produce, and Debts and Contracts in Specie as to the Time and Manner of payment, because it appears to be inequitable and would create much Dissatisfaction and uneasiness among those who have been so unfortunate as to contract in Paper; and be a Means of giving the People a greater Disgust to paper Money, and restraining them from contracting in it in Future. We wish for the Sake of the public Interest and to avoid the Censure of the people (some of whom being unacquainted with our Resources and others from different Motives, impute every Failure in the Executive to Causes very different from those which actuate their Conduct) for the Direction of the general Assembly whether any Preference is to be given to specie Contracts? whether public Flour and Tobacco are to be made use of to Satisfy the Certificates to be given under the Act? whether the Money in the Treasury and to be collected is to be so applied and at what rate? If it is the opinion of the general Assembly that the Tobacco, Flour, and Money should be thus appropriated, it would not be consistent with Justice and good Policy, that the Auditor should make an Estimate of the Public Property, and each Creditor paid in Proportion to his Demand? for if they are paid as they apply, til the whole is exhausted those only who are most convenient will be paid and the rest much dissatisfied, and full of Complaints and Murmers against the Assembly and this Board.

Ibid. p. 199

[Council to Capt. Joseph Ford.]

Yours of the 19th we have received and as we are not acquainted with the Circumstances of the Goods must refer you to the Law for your Guide, we are pleased to hear that the Inhabitants of your County, part with their Cattle with Chearfulness we do not think it proper at this Time to enlarge the order. In Case of Invasion the Lieutenant of the County has full Powers to remove all the Stock exposed to the Enemy

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Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Peter Sharpe Commander of the Brig General Gist, one hundred and twelve Tons burthen navigated by thirty Men, mounting ten Carriage Guns belonging to Thomas and William Johnson Daniel Hopkins and Comp^{y} Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ensign John Sears of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} Cloth for a Waistcoat and Breeches to complete the year 1780 and also to Lieut. Elijah Evans of Rawling's Regim^{t} a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts for the present year.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Jonathan Sellman of the 4th Regiment four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of sugar due him to the first Instant.

That the western shore Treasurer deliver to Stephen Steward two Hh^{ds} of Tobacco weighing two thousand and fifty six pounds of 1780 at Indian Landing which is to be returned.

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

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We are sending the Boat Plater Capt. Middleton to Patuxent to bring up some Provision from thence. If you will be so obliging as to furnish ten or twelve Men, it will be of singular Service in securing the Boat and Provisions from any Attempt of the Enemy's Barges. This is wrote at the Governor's Request

[Council to Capt. Nicholas Ruxton Moore.]

Ibid.

We were favored with your Letter of the 21st Instant and approve of your Conduct in not obeying the requests of general Weeden before you had an Order, considering the particular and critical Situation of the State of Virginia at this Time invaded by a very powerful Army composed of a considerable Body of cavalry and four or five thousand Invantry, we think our Safety and the Duty we owe a Sister State call on us to afford the Marquis what Aid we can and our Conviction that the Horse under your Command will be very useful and render great and emminent Service induces us to order you to march immediately into Virginia, and put yourself under the Command of the Marquis and so remain until our further Order is communicated to you. It will be proper to have all the Horses valued by indifferent and skilful Persons and the Valuations transmitted to this Board to be laid before the general Assembly, who we doubt not, will make full Compensation to those whose Horses are killed or injured, Gen^{l} Smallwood has spared us eight Camp Kettles which we now send you.

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[Council Circular to the Lieutenants.]

Enclosed you have the Act entitled "An Act to raise two Battalions of Militia for reinforcing the continental Army, and to compleat the Number of select Militia" We request your particular and immediate Attention to the last Clause of the said Act.

Ibid.

[Council to Matthew Ridley Esqr.]

Yours of the 21st we received and have sent the Camp Kettles with the regulations for the Government of the Militia, whilst in actual Service to Capt. Moore, we have given him our Opinion that it will be proper to have the Horses valued, that in Case of Loss full Satisfaction may be made for them.

Ibid.

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

You were so obliging as to promise some Camp Kettles for the Horse at George Town ordered to reinforce the Marquis Fayette, we have employed the Bearer George Adams to carry them and will take it as a Favor if you will order eight to be delivered to them.

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. Abram Falconer.]

You will deliver to Colo Hollingsworth the Waggon and Team which you procured for the Public some Time ago, and which was refused to be received, the general Assembly by their Resolution of the 10th Instant, having directed them to be received.

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Monday 25 June 1781.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to General Smallwood one yard of flannel. Colo Adams six yards flannel and also to Capt James Hamilton of the 4th Regimt Linen for two shirts and Cloth for a waistcoat and Breeches to complete the present year.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Thomas Grason five Days Provisions and three Gallons of Rum for the Crew of the Barge Revenge.

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[Council to John Muir, Esqr.]

You will deliver to Genl Smallwood or his order, such Cloathing and Shoes as he may think proper to draw for the Soldiers in the continental Army.

Ibid.
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[Council Circular to the Persons appointed to receive and provide for the recruits under the Act of May Session.]

By the Act to raise two Battalions of Militia for the continental Army &ca We are directed to appoint proper Persons in each County

to receive and provide Quarters and Necessaries for such Recruits as may be raised in Virtue of the said Act and the same to forward to such Place as we may direct. We reposing great Confidence in your Integrity and readiness to dc every thing for the common Cause, have appointed you to do the Duty required by the said Act in your County. June 25 Liber No. 78 p. 201

[Council to Doct. Wiesenthall.] Ibid.

It is absolutely necessary that the Detachment of continental Troops now at this Place should be furnished with a regimental Medicine Chest before they can march, which we request you will immediately procure and have delivered to Col° Samuel Smith [who] will transmit it to us.

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.] Ibid.

It is necessary the Officers of the Detachment which will march from this Place in a Day or two should be furnished with a Hogshead of West India rum, 1000^{ll} of Coffee, four Boxes of Spanish Sugar, one hundred Pounds of Bohea Tea and one thousand Pounds of Soap which you will procure immediately and forward with the Cloathing and military Stores already collected to M^{r} Muir, you will also get twenty four Drums and Fifes eight of which must be immediately sent, we expect to receive the Foxes Cargo of Sugar in a few Days and therefore wish you to borrow the Quantity required which shall be replaced.

[Council to Capt. Nicholas Ruxton Moore.] Ibid. p. 202

Your Letter of the 23^{d} was delivered by M^{r} Johnson and though we may not be well acquainted with the Characters that compose your Proof, we are sensible of the Hardships and Inconvenience which some of them experience while they remain in Service, but cannot be so far governed by them as to countermand our Order, which is founded in good Policy and necessary for the Safety of the State. We are convinced it is our Duty and Interest to afford Virginia what Aid we can, and none will be more acceptable and serviceable than the respectable Corps of Horse under your Command, such a reinforcement will animate the Virginians, and the Army will acquire a Consequence that will make them really formidable in the Eye of the Enemy. W eare not unmindful of the Situation of Baltimore, and shall recall the Horse as soon as we have reason to believe an Attack by a body of the Enemy is meditated against it.

[Council circular to the recruiting Officers.] Ibid.

The Confidence we repose in your patriotic and active Zeal in Support of the Independence and Liberties of America has induced us to

June 25 Liber No. 78 p. 202 appoint you one of the recruiting Officers for—County. You must be sensible it is of the last Importance to prevent the Enemy from penetrating our State which can only be effected by our sending a respectable Force to the Succour of our neighbouring State of Virginia, and that added to the Inconveniences consequent on a Draught will stimulate you to make every Effort to enlist before the 16th July next what recruits can be procured in your County. The Money to pay the Recruits their Bounty and to make you Compensation for your Tramble, will be furnished as soon as possible. We have appointed—to receive and provide for the Recruits and have enclosed a Copy of the Law.

Ibid. p. 203 [Council to Capt. Osborne Williams.]

We have enclosed you a Commission as Captain of a Company of select Militia for Prince George's County, together with the Commission for Joseph Ross and Joseph Queen the Gentlemen appointed to assist you in the Command of the said Company.

Tuesday 26th June 1781.

June 26 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 97 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer deliver to John Muir Esqr one hundred hhds of Tobacco to be delivered over to Colo Samuel Smith to be by him expended in the purchase of Cloathing for the Army on Account.

June 26 Liber No. 78 p. 203 [Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.]

We have delivered one hundred Hogsheads of Tobacco to Mr Muir according to your request. The Price of Tobacco in this State is so much inferiour to what can be obtained in Philadelphia, that it is our earnest Desire that what you have on Hand should be transported to Philadelphia and sold, and the Net Proceeds invested there in such Cloathing and military Stores as we have instructed you to procure. We wish to be immediately informed what Cloathing you have procured under the late Act. The Collectors of Cloathing appointed in the other Counties on the western shore have executed the Act, and if you have not yet made any Purchases or Seizures we expect you will not delay to do it.

Ibid. [Council Circular, Lieut of Somerset and Worcester Counties.]

Enclosed you have a warrant to apprehend certain Persons in your County who we are well informed have been trading with the Enemy and are dangerous to the State; we request you will have them arrested immediately and sent to this Board under a proper Guard with the Depositions of such Witnesses, as have any knowledge of their trading with or receiving Protection from the Enemy.

Wednesday 27 June 1781

June 27
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Ordered that the Armourer deliver to Col° Joseph Dashiell seventy five pounds of Lead and shot for the use of Worcester County Militia.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Doct^r^ Samuel Clagett one suit of Cloaths and four shirts for the year 1780.

Whereas this Board have good reason to believe that Samuel Tomlins Pocomoke sound, Thomas Evans, ship Carpenter lives at Tomlins, William Johnson Indian Annimesex William Whiteman partner to Johnson, James Benson of Worcester or Virginia. Oto Crockett Lower Tangier Island, Elijah Sturgis, Jacob Haywood Worcester Quaker, John Traverse Snow Hill, Samuel Thomas Ship Carpenter Snow Hill, Robert Pitts, Pitts landing, Robert Parker on Watts Island, Stephen Mister, Samuel Brittingham and John Merchant Shell Town Somerset have been trading with the Enemy and that they are disaffected and Dangerous Persons whose going at large may be prejudicial to the State. The Lieutenants of Somerset and Worcester Counties are therefore ordered to arrest the persons above mentioned without delay and have them before the Board forthwith that they may be dealt with according to Law.

[Council to General Assembly.]

June 27
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We think it necessary to inform you that some Gentlemen Merchants in France have shipped Goods from thence consigned to their Agents here some of which Goods have been purchased by this Board for the use of the State upon Credit, and not yet paid for. We beg Leave to submit those Cases to the Consideration of the General Assembly and refer your Honors to the Papers accompanying this for your more particular Information.

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Thursday 28^th^ June 1781.

June 28
Liber C. B.
No. 24
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Ordered that the Collector of the Tax for Prince Georges County pay to Thomas Clagett and Company twenty thousand pounds of Tobacco including four ꝑ Cent for the Casks, for one hundred yards Bareskin purchased of them for the Army.

That the western shore Treasurer deliver to Ferederick Green the Arms of the State and the Plates on which the last Emission was Struck.

Commissions issued to Elisha Rogers appointed 1^st^ Lieut. James Boge 2^nd^ Lieut Richard Oldham Ensign of Captain John Oglevee's Company and also to Thomas Littleton Savin Captain in the room of Abraham Cazier Harman Arrents 1^st^ Lieutenant and Nathan Phillips Ensign, belonging to the Elk Battalion of Militia Cecil County.

June 28
Liber No. 78
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[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.]

It is necessary immediately to assist M^r^ Green to purchase about forty Reams of Paper fit for the Purpose of printing Money, we must therefore request you to assist M^r^ Green in procuring a sufficient Quantity upon the best Terms you can, and we will see that Payment is made immediately after the Money is printed.

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Friday 29^th^ June 1781

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain John Courts Jones of the 7^th^ Regiment Facings for a Coat be paying for the same and also to Lieut James Winchester of the 2^d^ Regim^t^ a suit of Cloaths & two shirts for the pres^t^ year.

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[Council to Luther Martin Esqr.]

Yours of the 28^th^ Instant we have received, and think it highly necessary that you should attend the Special Court to be held at Frederick Town on the 10 July next for the Trial of a Number of State Prisoners.

Ibid.

[Council to General Smallwood.]

You will be so obliging as to order the Negroes captured in the Privateer Jack o'the Lanthern by Cap^t^ Folger some Time past ordered into Confinement, to be released and delivered to M^r^ David Sterett in Behalf of the Captors.

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. James Skinner.]

We have received yours of the 28^th^ Instant, and wish you had been more particular respecting the Tobacco, and informed us to whom it belongs; if it is public Tobacco you will have it delivered to M^r^ Key or his Order; taking a receipt for the exact Quantity which you will transmit to us by the first opportunity

Ibid.

[Council to Philip Key, Esqr.]

M^r^ James Skinner Inspector at Hunting Creek Warehouse informs us that there was a Vessel loading with State Tobacco, at that Ware-
p. 205 house, and could not get a full Load, and has offered fourteen Hogsheads to be put on Board this Vessel. We have wrote him, if it is public Tobacco to deliver it to you or your Order, and if the Craft is under your Direction and you approve of the Tobacco, you will forward it in the Manner you have engaged to forward the Tobacco heretofore delivered.

[Council to Gen'l Washington.]

June 29
Liber No. 78
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We were honored with your Letter of the 7th Instant, and have the Pleasure to inform your Excellency that the General Assembly have passed a Law to raise two Battalions of Militia to be composed of thirteen hundred and forty effective Men including non-Commissioned Officers to serve until the 10th Day of December next. the State of Maryland Sensible that it is of the utmost Importance to check the farther Progress of the Enemy and to expel them from every Port of the united States are determined to make every possible Exertion for the Succour of the State of Virginia, and to reinforce the Army under Genl Green. they have appropriated £200,000 to be immediately struck on British confiscated and forfeited Property aided by private Subscriptions and Associations to the sole Purpose of carrying on the Present Campaign with unremitting Vigour, and we flatter ourselves such is the Spirit of the People here, and their opinion of the Necessity of driving the Enemy from the Continent that nothing will be left undone that can be accomplished. The Militia as soon as they are raised and equipped shall be marched away by Detachments in the Manner your Excellency has advised; we have ordered three Volunteer Troops of Militia light Horse about seventy in Number to join the Marquis and expect they are with him by this Time.

Saturday 30 June 1781

June 30
Liber C. B.
No. 24
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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer deliver to John Muir sixty hhsd of Tobacco to be delivered over to Colo Samuel Smith to be by him expended in procuring Cloathing &ca and accounted for.

[Council to Thomas Sprigg, Esqr.]

June 30
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We received your Letter of the 21st Instant and are very much concerned that our directing the special Court to be held at Frederick Town should create any uneasiness among the People of your County, we are sensible there are many as good Whigs in Washington as in any County in the State, and can assure you they are much mistaken in ascribing our Determination to a Distrust in them or an opinion that an impartial honest and well attached Jury could not be got. The Difficulty of keeping so many People confined in your County until they could be taxed and the Ease and Convenience of the Judges of the general Court who live very remote from Hagar's Town are the only Motives that governed our opinion, for we candidly confess we do not discern the Advantages which the Whigs suppose or seem to think would accrue to the County from holding the Court there nor did we suppose it was desired by them we much applaud their Spirit and Activity in detecting such a dangerous and nefarious Plot

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June 30 Liber No. 78 p. 206 and apprehending those concerned in it. We cannot without being chargeable with Levity and Inconsistency revoke the Commission already granted.

Ibid. [Council to Judges of the general Court.]

A Person of the Name of John Parks of Baltimore has been charged as a considerable Accomplice in the intended Insurrection at Frederick upon the oath of Philip Replogle; he is now in Goal at Baltimore Town arrested on Suspicion and has petitioned for a speedy Trial. As your Commission is extended to all the Counties on the western Shore, and as it would be extremely inconvenient to have a special Court for him alone or his Trial delayed till the next general Court, we presume that you will order a Habeas Corpus to bring him before you at Frederick.

July 2 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 98 Monday 2^{d} July 1781

Commission issued to Charles Stewart appointed Ensign of Capt. Nathaniel Mannings Company in the Lower Battalion of Militia in Dorchester County and also to Levin Kirkman Capt. in the room of John Smoot, William Ennalls Hicks 1st Lieut Matthew Smith 2^{d} Lieut, James Layton Ensign William Waller Ensign of Capt. Ezekiel Reeds Comp^{y} James Sullivan Capt in the room of Thomas Logan, Willis Newton 1st L^{t} Thomas White 2nd Lieut, John White Ensign. John Hooper Capt. in the room of William Ennalls Hooper, James Hooper 1st Lieut, James McCallister 2^{d} Lieut. John Marshall Ensign belonging to the Upper Battalion of Militia in Dorchester County. also to Samuel Sheckells appointed Captain in the room of William Moore and Robert B. Tyler Capt in the room of Benjamin Harwood in the Upper Battalion of Militia in Prince Georges County.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Major John Eccleston eight pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Thomas Deburk commander of the Barge Independence navigated by thirty men mounting one 4th Howitz and two swivels belonging to Joseph Handy of Maryland and Matthew Aikin and Company of the State of Delaware.

July 2 Liber No. 78 p. 206 [Council to Colo. John Murdock.]

We think it proper that the Select Militia should attend their Harvests, and therefore request you will discharge them, and at the same Time give them positive Orders to be in constant Readiness to march at a moments warning.

[Council to Mr. Thomas Beall of George.]

July 2
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We have received yours of the 1st Instant and have given Orders for the Discharge of all the Militia collected at George Town, which will relieve you from present Distresses. The Detachment now in this City will not march for some Days, and we have no Doubt but Mr Brookes will furnish you with a sufficient Quantity of Provision in Time for it.

[Council to Mr. Edward Gaither.]

Ibid.

It is not in our Power to order any Money to you at Present the General Assembly having directed that none of the Bills of Credit now in Circulation should be issued from the Treasury as soon as the Money to be emitted is ready we shall be able to supply you and not till then.

Tuesday 3d July 1781

July 3
Liber C. B.
No. 24
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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. James Simmes of the 1st Regimt Cloth and Trimmings sufft for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts for the year 1780.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo William Lyles Junr Three hundred and sixty seven pounds, eleven shillings and one penny Specie agreeable to the "Act to Adjust the Debts due from this State" due him per Account passed by the Audr General the 12th June 1781.

[Council to Marquis La Fayette.]

July 3
Liber No. 78
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We were honored with your Letter of the 25th and are much obliged to you for the Information contained in it. The General Assembly have passed a Law for collecting five hundred Horses, three hundred light Horse and three hundred draught Horses, but it is out of our Power to inform you precisely when they will be procured and forwarded, whatever we can do shall be affected; A Law has also passed to raise two Battalions of Militia to be composed of thirteen hundred and forty effective men including the non-commissioned Officers to serve until the Tenth Day of December next and to be subject to the continental Articles of war. This Body of Men is intended for the Defence and Protection of Virginia and of this State in Case the war should be transferred to it, we have ordered the Baltimore and Frederick Militia light Horse amounting to about Seventy to join you and we expect they are with you before this, the Horses are good and the men unquestionably brave active good and well equipped, about four hundred Regulars well disciplined and officered will march to your Assistance from hence in a few Days under the Command of Col. Adams, and we flatter ourselves they

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July 3 Liber No. 78 p. 208 will be a very acceptable useful Succour. It would make us happy to be frequently apprized of the Movements, Conduct and Designs of the Enemy. The Assembly is up and abandoned the Design of raising a Regiment of Blacks, if the Assembly had adopted that Plan of Defence, we should have paid the greatest Deference to your recommendation of Major McPherson.

Ibid. [Council to Matthew Ridley Esqr.]

Your Commission Instructions and other Papers that relate to the Business entrusted to your Negotiation are prepared. We think it absolutely necessary you should immediately return to the State that you may adjust your Affairs and prosecute your intended Voyage to Europe. Agreeable to the Propositions you made to this Board, we have wrote to Capt. Moore on the Subject

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Nicholas Moore.]

We some Time ago appointed Mathew Ridley Esq^{r} Agent for the State for the Purposes of obtaining in Europe a Loan of Money Arms Ammunition and Cloathing which Appointment has been confirmed by the General Assembly, his Commission and all the necessary Papers prepared, and we think it absolutely necessary he should immediately return to the State, and prosecute his Voyage, and therefore request you should discharge him, and communicate the Reason to the Gentlemen under your Command.

Ibid. [Council to Samuel Hughes, Esqr.]

The general Assembly not having any particular Notice of the Contract made with you, leaves us at Liberty and we are willing to release you from it on your paying for the Transportation of the Cannon to Baltimore Town and the Expence of proving them, unless the Purchaser from you shall have them again proved, then the Expence approving them to be given up.

July 4 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 98 [Wednesday 4th July 1781]

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer deliver to Horatio Clagett seven thousand and sixty five pounds of Tobacco including four per Cent at Pomonkey Warehouse or any Warehouse above on Potowmack, in lieu of fifty eight pounds, Seventeen shillings and Six pence Specie to be delivered over to Thomas Clagett & Company due them for Cloathing purchased by William Clagett under the " Act to procure an immediate Supply of Cloathing and flesh Provisions for the Troops &^{ca} " per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Auditor.

Thursday 5th July 1781

July 5
Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 98

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colº Philip Fidderman one hundred and seventy three pounds, six Shillings and one penny Specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl the 13th Ultimo.

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to John Martin Commander of the Brig Otho one hundred and thirty Tons burthen Navigated by thirty five Men, Mounting Twelve Carriage Guns, belonging to Samuel Smith, Wallace, Johnson and Muir of Maryland.

[Council to Lieutenant of Montgomery County.]

July 6
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We enclose you the Petition of Joseph Watters which has been handed to this Board; as we are totally unacquainted with the Signers to the Petition, think it proper to refer the Matter to you. If it should appear to you that he is not fit for the Service, you will then discharge him.

Saturday 7th July 1781

July 7
Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 99

Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Captain Nathaniel McCleland one Gallon of Rum.

Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Claude Besse Commander of the schooner Good Adventure Twenty six Tons burthen navigated by six men mounting five Swivel Guns. Joseph Audet Commander of the Schooner Resource sixty six Tons burthen navigated by sixty men, mounting fourteen Carriage Guns belonging to John Dumest of Baltimore. Peter Milhaut Commander of the Schooner Maria fifty one Tons burthen navigated by twelve men, mounting five Carriage Guns, belonging to James Durand & Company of Fredericksburg in Virginia. James Handy Commander of the Schooner Dragon ninety five Tons burthen, navigated by twenty five men mounting six Carriage Guns belonging to Hugh Young and Company of Baltimore and also John Thomas Boucher Commander of the Brig Alexandria, navigated by Forty men, mounting twelve Carriage Guns belonging to John McLure of Baltimore and Robert T. Hooe & others of Alexandria.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.]

July 7
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Representation has been made to us on Behalf of Patrick Crawley, who was made a Prisoner of war some Time in June 1780 and released on Parole, the Terms of which are that he should get a British Naval Prisoner exchanged for himself within six weeks or at the End of that Time deliver himself up to the British Commissary of Prisoners in New York, neither of which has been complied with,

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and that Col° Smith insists on his entering into the Militia and doing Duty. Before we decide this Matter we wish to be fully informed of the Circumstances of this Man's Case, and whether there is any Suspicion of any Collusion or improper Practices between him and the Officer that took him, and that the real Design was that Crawley should remain here and the State be deprived of his personal Services. As soon as possible after you report Crawley's Case we will determine on it and communicate our opinion to you, and in the mean Time we would not have him compelled to act in the Militia.

July 9 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 99

Monday 9th July 1781

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col° Adams as much Russia Sheeting or Top Gallant Duck as will finish his Marque to be charged to the Contin[t]

That the western shore Treasurer deliver to John Muir one hundred hhds. of Tobacco to be delivered over to Col° Samuel Smith to be by him expended in the purchase of Cloathing &[ca] and Accounted for.

In Virtue of the "Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds, on the security of Double the value in Lands, to defray the Expences of the present Campaign" Thomas Gassaway, Thomas Johnson Jun[r] Frederick Green, Isaac McHard, Nicholas Harwood and John Callahan are appointed Signers of the Bills emitted under the said Act.

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[Council to Capt George Keeports.]

We desire to be immediately informed what State the four Pound Carriages are in, how many are finished and how many on Hand, what Quantity of Iron will be sufficient. If all the Carriages we directed you to make are not on Hand, we would not have you begin them

July 10 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 99

Tuesday 10th July 1781

Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Robert Chesley of the 4th Regim[t] twelve Gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of sugar Stores due to the first Instant.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Baker a Discharged soldier one shirt, 1 Hat one pair Overalls and one hunting shirt.

Special Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery issued to Dorchester County directed to Nicholas Thomas, William Ennalls, John Dickinson James Murray and Robert Harrison Esquires or any three or more of them In Virtue of the "Act entitled an Act to enable the Governor to issue Commissions of Oyer and Goal Delivery in certain Cases."

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.] July 10
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We request you will have fifty Barrels of Flour sent to this Place p. 210
immediately, the Commissary informs us he will not have any to issue to the Troops here in two Days unless he receives a Supply, you will therefore not delay delivering him the above mentioned Quantity within that Time.

[Council to Colo. Edward Gaither.] Ibid.

We have about five hundred Troops here and all the flesh Provisions will be consumed in two Days, and therefore direct you to procure immediately by Purchase or Seizure agreeable to the Act to procure an immediate Supply of Cloathing and flesh Provisions &ca ten good Beeves and have them drove down without Delay and delivered to the issuing Commissary at this Place.

[Council to Brice T. B. Worthington.] Ibid.

We request you will deliver all the Public Flour manufactured at your Mill to Mr Bullen.

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No. 24

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Isaac p. 99
Rawlings Lieut William Murdock, Lieut John Boone and Capt. Archibald McCallister each Linen for two shirts for the present year. and also to Captain John Mitchell two and a quarter yards Russia Duck to be charged to him.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Williams four hundred and eighty two pounds, eleven shillings and two pence Specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from the State" due him ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Auditor.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker p. 100
two pounds seven shillings of the Bills emitted under the "Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand Pounds on the security of Double the Value in Lands to defray the Expences of the present Campaign" in lieu of two pounds seven shillings specie due on Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro Thirteen pounds, four shillings and six pence of the same Emission ꝑ Accounts passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Adams four pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence sixteen pounds four shillings and one penny and thirteen pounds seventeen shillings and six pence of the same Emission due him ꝑ Accounts passed by the D. Aud.

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That the said Treasurer pay to John Welch Twelve pounds, four Shillings and four pence of the same Emission due him ꝑ Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers five pounds, twelve shillings and nine pence of the same Emission due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Lawrence four pounds, two shillings and six pence of the same Emission due him ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Issabel five pounds ten shillings and six pence and one pound ten shillings of the same Emission due her per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen^{l} and Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Philip Shepherd, nine pounds seven shillings and nine pence of the same Emission due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Singleton Two pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the same Emission due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

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[Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.]

There are near five hundred Soldiers at this Place and the Commissary is without flesh Provision, we request you will have forty Head of Cattle drove to this City and delivered to John Chrysal with all possible Dispatch; it is absolutely necessary that at least ten Beeves be delivered in four Days, and the remaining thirty as soon thereafter as your Circumstances will admit. The new Money will be in Circulation next week, when you will be furnished to enable you to defray the Expences of your Department.

July 12
Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 100

Thursday 12th July 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esq^{r} Fifty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^{ca} to be expended in the purchase of Necessaries for General Smallwoods Table and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Arthur of the 4th Regiment three pounds eight shillings and five pounds ten shillings of the same Emission in lieu of the like sums specie due ꝑ Accounts passed by the Aud. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Preston and Hannah May each, fifteen shillings of the same Emission due them ꝑ Acc^{ts} passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker five pounds of the same Emission for riding Express to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Clement Skerrett of the Artillery eight pounds, fifteen shillings of the same Emission in lieu of Cloathing per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] July 12 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 100

That the said Treasurer pay to William Prew three pounds and three pence of the same Emission due him as an Express ꝑ Account passed by the D. Aud.

[Council to Mr. David Poe.] July 12 Liber No. 78 p. 210 p. 211

We have directed the Collectors of Horses in Harford and Baltimore Counties to deliver the draught Horses procured under the late Act to you, they are for Teams for the Waggons which Col[o] Smith is authorised to purchase to move the Detachment of continental Troops at this Place, subject to the order of General Smallwood.

[Council Circular to Collectors of Horses.] Ibid.

Upon a Consultation with Gen[l] Smallwood respecting the draught and light Horses directed to be procured; we judge it unnecessary to raise the whole at present and have determined to suspend the Collection of one third of the draught and one fourth of the light Horses so that the Number required of your County will be
If you have collected above that Number, you will retain the best and most fit for the said Service, and return the others to the Owners, having respect in the first Instance to the Friends of Government, whose Horses may have been taken. If the Owners will not receive them you will sell them immediately for ready Money or Short Credit at the highest Prices that can be obtained, and lodge the Money arising from such Sales in the Treasury. If you have not collected the above Number you will do it with all Expedition, and inform us how many you have now got, the Collectors in Baltimore and Harford Counties are to deliver the draught Horses collected immediately to David Poe Deputy Q. M. in Baltimore Town and the remainder of the draught Horses as soon as collected.

[Council to Mr. John Chalmers.] Ibid.

You are directed to procure immediately by purchase or Seizure six good Beeves, if they are purchased or seized you are not to exceed four Pence ꝑ Pound; you are to estimate the Net weight adding thereto the fifth Quarter.

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It is the opinion of the Council that the Barge bought by the State for twelve thousand pounds Continental ought to be charged to the Continent, as it has been rendered unfit for Service in the Service of the United States.

July 13
Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 101

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captains Williams, Spurrior, Price, Trueman, Lieut[s] Winchester, Hill, Skinner, Arthur, Murdock, Baldwin, Boone, McPherson, Price and Lowe, each two and a quarter yards of Russia Duck, to be charged to them. Capt. Jonathan Morris of the 2[d] Regiment Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts. Henry Clements Lieut of the 5[th] Regiment Linen for two Shirts due for the present year. John Turner of the 3[d] Regiment one suit of Cloaths, two shirts one pair Overalls one pair Shoes and one hat, and also to Edward Hanly late a soldier in the 3[d] Regiment one hat, one Coat, one shirt and one pair of shoes in part of Cloathing due him.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Wells one hundred and fifty one pounds, one shilling and one penny Specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State due him p Account Settled by the Aud. Gen[l] the 12[th] Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Ijams Thirty seven pounds ten shillings of the Bills emitted under the "Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &[ca]" to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to John King, ten pounds, eighteen shillings and six pence of the same Emission due him for riding Express per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud[r]

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut John Chever of the Maryland Artillery two Gallons of Rum and eight pounds of sugar as per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

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[Council to President of the Special Council.]

From some profitable Captures made down the Bay and among the Islands by the Philadelphia Barges, a Spirit of Enterprise has risen among the people here, and the Bearer Capt. Michel has applied to us for the Barge at this Place to go on an Expedition among the Tangiers we very readily agreed to fit her out with the Necessarys wanted but upon Examination he declares her so out of repair as to be unfit. We therefore at his request recommend him to the Attention of your Honorable Board, and if they think proper to indulge him with one of their Barges, we think it will answer a valuable Purpose.

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. Christopher Edelin.]

We request you to furnish Captain Reed with as much Linen and Cloth as will make fourteen Coats and Vests, twenty pair woolen and as many linen Overalls, forty Shirts, and fourteen Hatts with every necessary Trimming to compleat the Cloathing. You will have the Cloathing made up and we shall transmit the Money as soon as they are finished.

[Council to Mr. George Murdock.] July 13 Liber No. 78

Capt. Reed will apply to you for twenty four Pair of Shoes for his Company which we request you to furnish if in your Power agreeable to our former Letter to you on this Subject. p. 212

[Council to Commissions for confiscated Property.] Ibid.

M^r Steward has applied to us for three Tons of Iron to enable him to finish the Galley he has now on Hand for the State. We should be glad that M^r Steward could be furnished with that Quantity, as it will be impossible for him to compleat this Vessel without it.

[Council to Daniel Jenifer, Esqr.] Ibid.

Your Letter of the 10^th Instant we have received, with respect to the Horses procured in your County, we beg Leave to refer you to our last Letter; those Horses remaining on Hand you will put out in such Parcels and Places as will best answer to keep them in good order till they are called for p. 213

[Council to Capt. Nicholas Moore.] Ibid.

We wrote the 29^th of June to M^r Martin the Attorney General to require his Attendance at Frederick to prosecute a great Number of Persons charged with high Treason on this Business and as it is of great Importance and cannot be deferred, we request he may be discharged on Furlough in order to repair to the Court at Frederick Town without Delay.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward, six hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the " Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^ca to be expended in building the Galley for the State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Ranken forty five pounds, four shillings of the same Emission, his Allowance on the Journal of Accounts of last Session

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Reid one hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission for the use of himself and Company on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John Singleton Ten pounds, two shillings and six pence of the same Emission in lieu of an Order of the 31^st May 1781 in his favor for forty pounds, ten shillings

That the said Treasurer pay to John Longden one hundred and ten pounds, five shillings of the same Emission due him for riding Express per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Gen^l

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That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Samuel McPherson and Capt. William Bruce of the 1st Regimt each, Seven pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission part of the money appropriated to the Officers going to the Southward.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Davis six pounds and also two pounds, six shillings and three pence of the same Emission due him for riding Express per Accounts passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jub Fowler Messenger to the Governor & Council, ten pounds, eight shillings & four pence of the same Emission on Account.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Jonathan Morris Twenty five pounds of the Bills emitted under the " Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca in lieu of Twenty five pounds Specie part of the Money to be issued to the Officers of the Maryland Line as soon as Money comes into the Treasury after the four thousand pounds appropriated for the non Commissioned Officers marching to the Southward and the Officers there and those who are going to serve the prest Campn is received

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Edmund Compton of the 4th Regiment Ten pounds of the same Emission part of the Money appropriated for the Offrs going to the Southwd.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Nicholas Mangers of the 4th Regimt seven pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission part of the money aforesaid.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Harrison one hundred and seven pounds specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " due him per Account settled by the Aud. Genl the 11th Inst.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut. Henry Clements of the 5th Regiment eight Gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of Sugar due him to the 1st Inst

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[Council to William Hemsley, Esqr.]

Your Letter of the 12th we received, we agree with you if the State is as unfortunate in the other Counties as Queen Anns it will not be much to the Advantage of the State nor will our Army be strengthened by draughting the Militia. When a Recruit is furnished for three years or the war the 4/ ought to be paid in hard Money or in paper at the actual Exchange, where the Draught goes or procures a Substitute for nine Months one fourth is to be received as above and the three fourths for the State in Paper for three for one, but where the Class has failed to furnish a Recruit the whole is to be paid at three for one. We apprehend the Persons who have been excused

from marching must be classed under the Law of the last Session, July 15
because it directs the Lieutenant to distribute the Militia into as many Liber No. 78
Classes &c^ca^ and they are and must be considered as part of the Militia p. 213

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Gold- No. 24
smith two pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence half penny of p. 102
the Bills emitted under the " Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &c^a^ " due him per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Cornelius Mills Twenty eight pounds three shillings and three pence of the same Emission his Allowance on the Journal of Accounts of May Session 1781.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Henry Clements of the 5th Reg. Ten pounds of the same Emission part of the money appropriated for the officers going to the Southward.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Courts Jones of the 4th Reg^t^ Lieut Christopher Richmond of the 2^d^ Regim^t^ Major William Stoddert, Capt. Richard Waters Capt. John Jordan, Lieut Isaac Rawlings and Lieut John Chever, each, Twenty pounds of the same Emission, part of the Money appropriated for the Officers going to the Southward

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Trueman fifteen Pounds of the same Emission part of the Money appropriated as aforesaid.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Thomas Rouse Thirty pounds of the same Emission part of the money appropriated as aforesaid and also the further sum of six pounds, eighteen shillings of the same Emission in lieu of Cloathing per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to William Tuck thirty three pounds twelve shillings of the same Emissions, part of the three thousand pounds appropriated for the payment of Expresses &c^ca^ his allowance on the Journal of May Session 1781

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shaw one hundred and twenty five pounds, seventeen shillings and Seven pence half penny of the same Emission part of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Acc^t^ passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Brewer nine pounds eight shillings and six pence of the same Emission part of the money appro^d^ as aforesaid due him on the Journal of May Session 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Hannah May p. 103
and Mary Preston, each, fifteen shillings of the Bills emitted under

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the " Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campn due them per Accounts passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Pitt five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him p Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Knapp Thirty pounds, two shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the payment of Expresses &ca his Allowance on the Journal of May Session 1781.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Miles, two pounds six shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for riding Express per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Callahan Thirty pounds, two shillgs of the same Emission of the Money appropriated as aforesaid his Allowance on the Journal of May Session 1781.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Purdy eighteen shillings and nine pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Slaughter four pounds, three shillings and one penny of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid and also three pounds, eleven Shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers recruiting officer Fifteen pounds of the same Emission to be by him expended in recruiting agreeably to the " Act to raise two Battalions of Militia &ca and by him accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nathan Harris five pounds Specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Pitt, sixty five pounds sixteen shillings and six pence and seven pounds ten shillings specie agreeable to the above mentioned Act per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Elijah Deane late of the 5th Regimt one Coat, one shirt, one pair Overalls, one pair of Shoes and one Hat, Lieut Christopher Richmond of the 2d Regt Linen for two shirts and facings for a Coat. Major Alexander Roxburgh one suit of Cloaths in advance and two shirts due him for the present year. Capt. Alexander Trueman, Lieut. John Sears of the 5 Regimt & Lieut Henry Baldwin of the 3d Regiment Linen for two shirts due them for the present year Lieut John Chever Cloth and Trimg to face a Regiml Coat. Capt. Richard Waters one Coat and two shirts,

and also to Lieut Mark McPherson of 2d Regt Cloth & Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths & Linen for four shirts for the present year. July 16 Liber C. B. No. 24

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieuts John Boone and Thomas Rouse each, four Gallons of Rum & sixteen pounds of Sugar and also to Lieut. John Sears six Gallons of Rum & twenty four pounds of sugar due to the 1st Inst. p. 103

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We request you to send immediately to this Place all the Sugars belonging to the State, of both the Cargoes brought by the Fox and render particular Accounts of them p. 213

[Council to Mr. John Chrysal.] Ibid.

We request you to apply to Major Genl Smallwood for a few Men to enable you to have the Beeves killed which were procured by Mr Chalmers, and one offered by Mr Thomas Rutland Mr Bullen will furnish Waggons this you will have executed immediately p. 214

[Council to Chevalier D'Anmours.] Ibid.

We have the Pleasure to inform you that the general Assembly at their late Setting suspended the Collection of the Tax on the personal Property of the Subjects of his most Christian Majesty and exempted them from militia Duty, and have enclosed you an Extract from the Act for your better Information

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds Twenty one pounds, two shillings of the Bills emitted under the " Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the payment of Express &ca his allowance on the Journal of May Session 1781 p. 104

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Twenty eight pounds three shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money apprpd as aforesaid his Allowance on the Journal of May Session 1781 and also one pound twelve shillings of the same Emission due him for riding Express p Account passed by the Audr Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Thompson eleven pounds eight shillings and nine pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway Depy Audr and Thomas Johnson junr Cl of the Council each, forty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

July 17 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 104 That the said Treasurer pay to William Yieldell six pounds, sixteen shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign and seven pounds, five shillings and four pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the payment of Expresses &ca per Accots passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Major John Davidson sixteen pounds fourteen shillings and Seven pence half penny of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John T. Lowe, Lieut John Sears of the 5th Regimt & Capt. James Somervill of said Regimt each, Twenty pounds of the same Emission of the money appod to the Offrs going to the Southwd

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. John T. Lowe four pounds, four shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appod for the present Campaign in lieu of Cloathing ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Solomon Sparrow Twenty five pounds of the same Emission of the money approp^{d} as aforesaid per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Gaither junr purchasing Commissary for Ann Arundel County Fifteen pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac Simmons eleven pounds ten Shillings and seven pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Ten pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Collector of the Tax for Calvert County pay to Thomas Jones Twenty four thousand three hundred and thirty four pounds of Tobacco nett balance of Account due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

p. 105 Ordered that the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Morgan six pounds, seven Shillings and six pence Specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Barton Abell Twenty eight pounds twelve shillings and a half penny Specie for the use of himself and his Compy of Militia, agreeably to the Act aforesaid per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. William Rapour Twenty three pounds, sixteen shillings and four pence Specie due himself and the Militia under his Command agreeable to the Act aforesaid p Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Gen^{l} July 17 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 105

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. James Somervill and Lieut John T. Lowe, each, two shirts due for the present year and also to Ensign Jacob Crawford of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} Linen for two Shirts due him for the present year.

[Council to Charles Blake Esqr.] July 17 Liber No. 78 p. 214

The Samples of Cloths sent us in your last seized in Queen Anns County, we think much too extravagant for the Quality will not answer the Purpose they are wanted for; we wish you to return them. We request you will furnish us as soon as possible with what Provisions you have on Hand or that can be soon collected.

[Council to Colo. Edward Gaither.] Ibid.

We request you to collect twenty Head of good Cattle immediately agreeable to the late Act in Addition to the Ten heretofore ordered, have them delivered to John Chrysal in this City

[Council to Colo. Joseph Dashiel.] Ibid.

Application has been made to us by Cap^{t} Furnival for the Vessel and Cargoe that you have seized and which was under the Management of Samuel Gerrock, Capt. Furnival alledges that he chartered this Vessel and that some of the Articles on Board are his Property and was intended to be bartered for Plank &^{ca}.

If you have good Grounds to suspect that Gerrock designed to trade with the Enemy, and that his taking out the Clearance was done to conceal such Design and prevent a Detection. It will be necessary for you to justify the Seizure and Detention of the Vessel and Cargoe to have them libelled in the Court of Admiralty otherwise we think they ought to be restored to the proper Owners. We have appointed a Special Court to try the Offender on your Shore which makes it necessary that you should have Sturgis and other offenders you may apprehend secured and sent to that Court, unless they are such whose Conduct brings them under the Description of Spies or Emissaries from the Enemy p. 215

[Council to Daniel Jenifer Esqr.] Ibid.

The Hatts which you have seized from M^{r} Ridgate and any other Goods collected under the late Law you will send immediately to this Place; and if you have procured the Waggons and Teams you will send them up also and the Goods by that Conveyance

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Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Lilburn Williams of the 3d Lieut Philip Hill of the 3d and Capt John Sprigg Belt of the 1st Regimts each, Linen for four shirts. Capt Lloyd Beall, Capt. Jonathan Sellman of the 1st Regimt William Trueman Stoddert Aid De Camp to Genl Smallwood Capt. John Courts Jones, Capt David Lynn of the 4th Regimt and Lieut Clement Skerret of the Artillery each, Linen for two Shirts due for the present year and also to Capt John Mitchell of the 4th Regimt Cloth and Trimmings for a waist coat and Breeches and Linen for four shirts due him for the present year.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Benjamin Price fifteen pounds of the Bills emitted under the " Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca " of the money appropriated for the Officers going to the Southward.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde Thirty five pounds of the same Emission of the Money appropriated for the payment of Expresses &ca on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hall Twenty three pounds seven shillings and ten pence Specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Account passed by the Aud. Genl "

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Thursday 19 July 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Ann Tilley one pound five shillings and four pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money apprpd for the payment of Expresses for the use of Jacob Lusby due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junr one pound eight shillings and ten pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Brewer two pounds seven shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid per Account passed by the Audt Genl

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Robertson sixty nine pounds twelve shillings and six pence specie agreeably to the Act to adjust the Debts due from the State per Certificates settled by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Slater Two hundred and fifteen pounds five shillings specie agreeably to the Act aforesaid due him per Certificate settled by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° John Dorsey eighty nine pounds, seven shillings and six pence Specie agreeably to the Act aforesaid per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] July 19 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 106

That the said Treasurer pay to General Smallwood nine hundred and sixty eight pounds specie in part of the four thousand pounds, to be distributed to the Officers and soldiers ordered to the Southward agreeably to the " Act relating to Public Creditors."

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Winchester and Capt. Thomas Mason, each fifteen pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &[ca] part of the money appropriated to the Officers going to the Southward.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. David Lynn of the 4[th] and Capt Robert Denny of the 5[th] Regim[t] each, Twenty pounds of the same Emission part of the money appropriated as aforesaid.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esquire Fifty pounds of the same Emission to be expended in the purchase of necessaries for General Smallwoods Table and also the further sum of Ten pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Maccubbin Sen[r] Thirty three pounds, seven shillings of the same Emission appropriated as aforesaid.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Johnson three pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the payment of Expresses due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot two pounds five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to William Homes six pounds fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Winchester and also to Capt Robert Denny each, two Shirts. Lieut Rignal Hilliary of the 3[d] Regim[t] one suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts due him for the year 1780 Major Benjamin Brookes Linen for four Shirts due him for the present year and also to Butler Marlow a Soldier in the 3[d] Regiment one hat, two shirts one Coat one Vest, one pair of Overalls and one pair of Shoes.

It appears by an Account passed by the Auditor Gen[l] of this Day that there is due and owing to John Dorsey and Company one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven pounds, seventeen shillings and ten pence, specie to be paid to them or their Assignee according to the Act of Assembly entitled " An Act relating to Public Creditors."

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[Council to President of the Special Council.]

We have sent you by Express five thousand Pounds of the new Money unsigned, and should have forwarded the whole appropriated to the Defence of your Shore, but the Quantity already struck is not sufficient to enable us to do it, as soon as there is enough struck we will furnish you with the residue, and hope what we have now supplied will answer your Demands in the mean Time. We have the Honor to enclose you Copies of the Several Acts of Assembly of the last Session which were ordered to be printed with the Subscription and Association Papers; most of the Inhabitants of the City have Subscribed and associated and are determined to support the Credit of the new Money, we have not yet heard the Determination of the Merchants in Baltimore much depends on this Resolution the People in the County we understand subscribe and associate generally.

Ibid.
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[Council to Thomas Harwood Esqr.]

We request you will deliver to John Wilmot five thousand Pounds of the unsigned Bills of the last Emission to be delivered to the special Council for the Eastern Shore being Part of the Sum appropriated for the Defence of that Shore.

Ibid.

[Council to Gabriel Vanhorne.]

Your Letter of the 17th Instant respecting the Horse taken from you by the Collector of Horses for your County we have received, as the law expressly directs the Collector to take Horses from such Persons he thinks under the Description of that Law, this Board do not think proper to direct the Horse to be restored without being well and particularly informed of all the Circumstances

Ibid.

[Council to William Hemsley, Esqr.]

We received your Letter of the 17th Instant and cant help expressing our Surprise that the Letters and Warrants for the recruiting Officers of your County were not sooner delivered, the Letter and Warrants for all the Counties were sent down to the House of Delegates, and given to the Members that they might certainly be received in Time; the Law has not vested a Power in us to suspend the Draught, and therefore it would be improper in us to direct a Suspension for ever so short a Time.

Ibid.

[Council to Commissioners for the Preservation of British Property.]

Mr Shaw informs us you have a Quantity of Pewter taken as confiscated British Property, we shall be obliged to you to reserve it to make Buttons for the Soldiers Cloathing.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt John A. Hamilton seven pounds, three shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl and also the further sum of fifteen pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated to the Officers going to the southward.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers six pounds seven shillings and six pence and also four pounds eight shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Audr Genl and Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Thomas Lansdale Ten pounds two shillings and ten pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Philip Sheppard four pounds, thirteen shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for riding Express per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Issabell eleven pounds and nine pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due himself and others per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Boone of the 3d Regt Twenty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated to the Officers going to the Southward.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Dorsey four pounds eighteen shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the payment of Expresses &ca his Allowance on the Journal of Accounts for May Session 1781.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Middleton eighteen pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for the use of Captain William Middleton on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Dorsey and Company three hundred and eighty eight pounds, ten shillings and nine pence Specie agreeably to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " per Acct passed by the A. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jeremiah Townly Chase Esqr four hundred and twenty six pounds, nine shillings and eight pence three farthings Specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid due him per Accounts passed by the Depy Aud. the 17th July 1781

That the said Treasurer pay to George Salmon three hundred and sixty pounds, ten Shillings and three pence Specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

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That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Richard Dorsey of the Artillery two shirts and also to Capt. John Jordan of the 2d Regiment due for the present year.

That James Calhoun deliver to Mr Westeneys ten barrels of seconds or such flour as will not bear inspection to be delivered to Step. Steward on Acct of the Gally building for the State

That the Issuing Commyry deliver to Joseph Middleton twenty four pounds of sugar for the use of Capt. Wm Middleton on Account.

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[Council to Robert Dorsey, Esqr.]

The General Assembly at their late Sitting having directed the Specie procured by the Flour consigned you to be transmitted for the

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recruiting Service. We request you to transmit it immediately in one or more bottoms to the Delaware which is the safest Port at this Time; should you have authentic Information of the Enemy being out of the Bay and an immediate Conveyance, we would have you send it to this place, but we would not have you delay it on that Account

Ibid.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.]

Mr Thomas Donnellan of Baltimore Town is appointed to receive and provide for the recruits furnished by your County you will be pleased therefore as soon as they are approved of to have them delivered to him.

Ibid.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

You will deliver to Mr Westenys ten Barrels of seconds or such Flour as will not pass Inspection to be charged to Mr Stephen Steward on Account of the Gally which is building for the State.

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Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut James John Skinner of the 1st Regimt and Levin Denwood surgeon of the 3d Regimt each, Linen for two shirts and also to Major John Eccleston one suit of Cloaths and four shirts due for the present year.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Boone of the 3d Regimt four pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the Officers going to the Southward.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capts Llyod Beall & Edward Spurrior Lieuts James Arthur & William Murdock and Doctr Levin Denwood each, Twenty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Somervill, seven pounds nine shillings and seven pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Acc^{t} passed by the A. G^{l} July 21 Liber C. B No. 24 p. 108

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Elijah Evans of Rawlings's late Regiment, seven pounds eighteen shillings and one penny half penny of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for Stores per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Welch Twelve pounds two shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the payment of Expresses &^{ca} due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l} and also the further sum of Two pounds, fifteen shillings and two pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him in lieu of an Order of the 24th of May last settled by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to William Logan three pounds eleven shillings and three pence Specie agreeably to the Act to "Adjust the Debts due from this State" due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas White Twenty five pounds eleven shillings and six pence Specie Agreeable to the Act aforesaid per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Elijah Evans thirty one Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twenty four pounds of Sugar due him to the 15th of April 1781.

[Council to Stephen Steward, Esqr.] July 21 Liber No. 78 p. 217

We are empowered by the General Assembly to purchase the Baltimore Galley, if on the Inspection of a proper and skilful Judge she should be found to be sound and fit for the Service of the State, and being acquainted with no Gentlemen whose Judgment can be more depended on; we appoint and request you to examine strictly every Part of her immediately and report your opinion of her State, Condition and Fitness for the Service of the State and her actual Value in Specie.

[Council to Stephen Steward, Esqr.] Ibid.

We are informed that some Part of the Porpoises Cargoe is saved, and as it will be attended with Difficulty and considerable Expence to convey our Share to this City, by Land, we request you will direct it to be transported by water to Wilmington, and delivered to some Person of reputation there, and inform us to whom you direct it. p. 218

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Sunday 22d July 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Major Eccleston and Capt. Gale, each, Thirty pounds of the Bills emitted under the "Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the Officers going to the Southward.

That the said Treasurer pay to Brigadier Genl Gist Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign in Virtue of a Resolution of this Board of this Day and to be by him Accounted for.

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colo Peter Adams as much Canvas as will make a Valeese for his Marque and Cord for the same Lieut John Kilty of Baylors Horse one suit of Cloaths & Linen for two shirts for the present year. Major Alexander Roxburgh two and a quarter yds Canvas. Capt. Gilbert Middleton one Sailors Jacket two shirts and two pair Trousers for Edmund Redman enlisted in the Navy of this State for two years and also to John Morris late a soldier in the 3d Regiment one hat one Coat one Shirt, one pair Linen Overalls and one pair Shoes in part of the Cloathing due him.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt John Courts Jones nine pounds five shillings of the Bills emitted under the "Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Samuel Smith Two hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be expended in procuring Waggons for the Detachment under marching orders on Acct

That the said Tresurer pay to Lieut Thomas Price six pounds and also Two pounds five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl & Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Edward Giles Twelve pounds fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesd for the use of Major Aquila Giles due him for stores to 1 June last p Acct Settled by the A. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Doctr James Murray thirty Pounds of the same Emission of the Money approp^{d} as aforesaid due him for attending the Hospital since the 19th June last on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Solomon Sparrow Seventy six pounds twelve shillings and Six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] July 23 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 110

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Reily one pound fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money approp[d] as aforesaid due him in lieu of Stores per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] and also the further sum of Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid in Virtue of a Resolution of this Board of the 22[d] Inst to be Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crisall Twenty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to purchase necessaries for the Hospital and to be Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ens. Mark McPherson one pound Ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for Stores per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Thomas Price of the 2[d] Regim[t] Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid agreeable to a Resolution of this Board of the 22[d] Inst & to be by him Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Philip Hill of the 3[d] Reg[t] four pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the Money appropriated as aforesaid due him for Stores to the 1[st] Instant p Acc[t] passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut James Arthur one pound ten shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &[ca] of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him for Stores to the 1[st] Instant per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud. and also the further sum of Ten pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the purpose aforesaid agreeable to a Resolution of this Board of the 22[d] Inst on Account. p. 111

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Benjamin Price three pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for Stores to the 1[st] Inst. per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Winchester four pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for Stores per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Murdock Ten pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid agreeable to a Resolution of this Board of the 22[d] Instant to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Joseph Ford Commissary for S[t] Marys County Twenty pounds of the same Emission of the

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money appropriated as aforesaid on Account and also the further sum of Twenty two pounds, five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him in part of an Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Somervill Ten pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Officers going to the Southward

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry May four pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Richard Dorsey of the Maryland Artillery Thirty pounds of the same Emission in lieu of Thirty pounds Specie allowed the Officers of the Maryland Line by an Act of the Gen^{l} Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esq^{r} one hundred and ninety pounds, nine shillings and nine pence Specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Thompson eighteen pounds four shillings Specie agreeable to the above mentioned Act, p Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Joseph Ford Seventy six pounds, eleven shillings and five pence Specie agreeable to the aforesaid Act due him in part of An Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Joseph Ford four thousand one hundred and seventy eight pounds of Tobacco due him per Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. William Reily, Ens. Mark McPherson, Lieut. James Arthur each, four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of Sugar. Lieut^{s} Philip Hill & James Winchester, each, twelve gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of sugar and also to Capt. Benjamin Price eight Gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of sugar due to the 1st Instant.

That the Armour deliver to Stephen Steward thirty musket Balls two quire Cartridge paper and twelve flints.

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[Council to Richard Dallam, Esqr.]

It was not in our Power to send the Money to the recruiting Officers in the Time directed by the Law, as it expired before the Money was Struck; if any recruits were procured before the Militia were classed, the Bounty will be paid by this Board when the Number is ascertained; we do not think ourselves authorised by the Law to advance any Money to raise Recruits after the Militia are classed, it is expressly against it. The Certificates given for Horses are to

be discountable in Taxes with Interest, one third yearly, the Assembly have said that they will take the most effectual and speedy Measures in their Power for the immediate Discharge of the Certificates granted to such persons as [may] not choose to deduct the same out of their annual Assessment. We have wrote Mr Calhoun about the Flour who we have [no] Doubt will give the proper Directions. July 23 Liber No. 78 p. 218

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.] Ibid.

We this Day received a Letter from Mr Dallam informing us of a quantity of Corn Flour and Midlings which he found would spoil unless some Thing was done with it soon, we wish you to give such Directions respecting the Flour that it may not be lost to the Public

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.] Ibid.

We request you will have made a Marque immediately for General Gist in such Manner as he may direct. We have sent 250£ by Genl Gist agreeably to your request of the 16th for the Purpose of furnishing the Waggons wanted for this Detachment.

[Council Circular, Lieutenants.] Ibid. p. 219

We request you to march all the Recruits, Draughts and Substitutes now in your County immediately to this Place and the others as soon as they are raised, that they may be regimented raised disciplined and equipped for Service, we most earnestly press your immediate Attention and Execution to this requisition as the Troops are much wanted to the Southward.

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.] Ibid.

You are requested to deliver the Waggon Horses in your Possession fit for immediate Service to the Order of Genl Smallwood

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.] Ibid.

Enclosed is a Copy of our Letter to the Collector appointed by the Assembly, since which we have heard that he has refused to Act, and that you have appointed another Person, to whom we shall be obliged to you to forward the Enclosure and urge him to forward the draught Horses immediately to Mr Poe as the Detachment in this City under marching Orders for the Southward is waiting only for them.

Tuesday 24th July 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Trueman one pound Ten shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred July 24 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 112

July 24 thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Cam-
Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 112 paign due him for Stores per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Jordan nine pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Rignal Hilleary Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid agreeable to a Resolution of this Board of the 22d Instant to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Moses Rawlings Commy of Washington County one hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Hugh McGwire Three pounds, nine shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers recruiting Officer Twenty two pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to Edward Eades a Recruit for the war the Bounty allowed by the Act of Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Lloyd Beall one pound ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid in lieu of an Order of the 7th May last and also one pound ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for Stores to the 1st Inst. per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Jonathan Sellman Three pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for stores to the 1st Instant per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Denny one thousand, eight hundred and seventeen pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be by him distributed to the Officers now in the State and to the non Commissioned Officers and privates under marching Orders for the Southward.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Kilty of 3d Lt Dragoons Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junr five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State for the purpose of purchasing two Ream of Paper for the use of the Council

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Kilsimer Two pounds two shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the payment of Expresses in lieu of an Order of the 7th May last.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jasper Wert seven pounds & ten pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debt due from the State p Acct passed by the A. Gl the 18. May 1781. July 24 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 112

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Sele Tucker fifteen pounds eight shillings and five pence Specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" due James Tucker per Account passed by the Aud. Genl the 30 April 1781. p. 113

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. John Jordan eight Gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of Sugar. Captns Lloyd Beall and Jonathan Sellman each, four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of Sugar due to the 1st Instant.

[Council to Colo. Edward Gaither.] July 24 Liber No. 78 p. 219

The Beef contained in the five Barrels and the half Hogshead sent by you, and delivered yesterday to Mr Chrysal Commissary at this Post, is condemned being entirely spoiled and unfit for use, as reported by Major Roxburgh who was ordered by Genl Smallwood to inspect it. We have directed the Commissary not to receive it for the State, but to set it up at public Sale to the highest Bidder, and to credit you with whatever it may sell for.

[Council Circular, Collectors of Horses in Washington and Frederick Counties.] Ibid. p. 220

We request you to forward all the draught Horses retained under our Letter to you of the 12th Instant to this Place without Delay.

[Council to Stephen Steward, Esqr.] Ibid.

When we wrote you we were not acquainted with the Situation of the Porpoise, as you are much better acquainted with the County where she lies than we are we shall not undertake to give you particular Instructions for the conveying the States Part of her Cargoe to this Place, but shall leave you at Liberty to convey it in the most speedy and best Manner you can, confident you will act for the State as yourself.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Coe Twelve pounds five shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him p Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Trueman Twenty two pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appro-

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priated as aforesaid to be delivered over to Patrick Coffin the Bounty allowed him by the State for enlisting during the war.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Peter Adams forty five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to John McCowliff and John Francis, each, twenty two pounds ten shillings, the Bounty allowed them by the State for enlisting three years and during the war.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Bowie Collector of Horses for Prince Georges County Twenty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be expended in the Collection of the Horses and employing persons to take care of them &ca to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green one hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State to be expended in the purchase of paper and other Expences incurred in printing the Bills of Credit on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Maccubbin Senr two thousand seven hundred and eighteen pounds, twelve shillings and ten pence Specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " per Account of Certificates settled by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Joseph Merriken Twenty five pounds two shillings and eight pence Specie agreeable to the aforesaid Act due himself and Detachment under his Command ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

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[Council to Doct'r Murray.]

Applications are made to this Board by Mr Boyd and Mr Lyles to be appointed Surgeons Mates to the Vacancies in the Maryland Line, but as we look on such Appointments to be of very great Consequence to the Army, we are extremely desirous to have them examined and we request this Favor of you, and that you will transmit your opinion of the Qualifications of each sealed up that we may with more Propriety make such Appointments

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Thursday 26th July 1781

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Jonathan Sellman of the 1st Regimt two and a quarter yds Russia Duck.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. John Courts Jones of the 4th Regimt and Major William Stoddert, each, twelve gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of Sugar due to the 1st Instant.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to George Adams, ten pounds seven shillings and nine pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred

thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him p Acct passed by the Aud. Genl July 26 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 113

That the said Treasurer pay to Alice Redman, one pound, ten shillings of the same Emission of the money approp^d as aforesaid due her p Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Trueman Twenty two pounds ten shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand Pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Isaac Hill the Bounty allowed him by the State for enlisting three years. p. 114

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Adams forty five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to William Turner and Bennett George each Twenty two pounds ten shillings the Bounty allowed them for enlisting to serve three years.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John C. Jones and Major Willm Trueman Stoddert each four pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due them for Stores p Acct passed by the Aud. Genl & Depy Aud.

[Council to Colo. Edward Gaither.] July 26 Liber No. 78 p. 220

The Troops at this Post are again without flesh Provisions and considering our pressing and express Directions to you to supply them without Delay, we cannot conjecture the Reason, for such Neglect, we again direct you to deliver the Cattle ordered in our Letter of the 11th Instant with an Addition of twenty more to Mr Chrysal immediately; there will be no flesh to issue to the Troops tomorrow, we expect a supply from you by that Time; when the Cattle are delivered it will be necessary for you to attend and procure proper Pastures for them

[Council to Commissary of Calvert.] Ibid. p. 221

As soon as you collect the Cattle you will send them to this Place to be delivered to John Chrysal Commissary, and the residue when procured.

[Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.] Ibid.

The Troops at this Post have been several Times without flesh Provisions, we have to reiterate our Orders of the 11th Instant to forward immediately the Cattle, we are at a Loss to conjecture the Reason for such Delay, when you are sensible it is of so much Importance to have the Troops supplied with Provisions. If the Cattle agreeably to our Directions of the 9th June have not been sent to George Town we wish you not to send them and wait our further Orders.

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Friday 27th July 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Mitchell Twelve pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the Officers going to the Southward in lieu of the like Sum specie part of the money directed to be advanced by the Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Richard Anderson of the 4th Regimt and Lieut William Adams of the 2d Regt each Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign agreeable to a Resolution of this Board of the 22d Instant on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Alexander Roxburgh eight pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid per Account passed by the Audr Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Benjamin Brookes Thirty two pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. David Lynn one pound ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers recruiting officer forty five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to John Cole a Recruit for the war and John Steward a Recruit for three years the Bounty allowed them by the Genl Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Lansdale forty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to John Smith Brookes Commissary of Prince Georges County on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Clement Skerrit of the Maryland Artillery Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account and also five pounds five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him in lieu of Stores per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Robinson two pounds & eight pence specie agreeable to the Act to Adjust the Debt due from this State per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl the 26th Inst.

p. 115 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Doyle Twenty six pounds four shillings and two pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl the 15 June last.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway one hundred and eighty five pounds six shillings and three pence Specie agreeable to the said Act due him per Certificate settled by the Aud. Gen[l] July 27 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 115

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. David Lynn four Gall[s] of Rum and sixteen pounds of sugar and also to Lieut Clement Skerrit fourteen Gallons of Rum and fifty six pounds of sugar due to the 1[st] Instant.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Adair Adams a Soldier in the 1[st] Regim[t] discharged one Coat, one hat, one shirt one pair Overalls and one pair of Shoes in part of the Cloathing due him.

Permission is hereby given to M[rs] Mary M. Hughes to apply to His Excellency General Washington or the Governor of the Jersies for Licence to go into the City of New York on a Visit to her Friends.

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We are honored with M[r] Tilghman's Letter of the 23[d] and with yours of the 25[th] Current altho there are large Subscriptions in many of the Counties yet upon Application to the treasurer of this Shore we find the Subscriptions already lodged amount only to 23,000£ as one fifth of the whole to be issued is subject to your Disposition for the Defence of the Eastern Shore, we have informed M[r] Dickinson he may issue one fifteenth of the Sum lodged and the same proportion to all subscriptions and Bonds which may in Future be deposited, the reason which induced us to adopt this Mode must occur to your Honors, for should it happen that the subscription and Bonds do not come in to the Amounts of 200,000£ the proportion alloted to each share must be accordingly diminished. We should with Pleasure send you the Ordnance Stores you wrote for but some of them are entirely expended and others very insufficient for the daily Demands on us, we shall however examine our Magazines and if we can possibly supply you without leaving this Shore destitute we shall most readily do it the Governor is not at present in Town, but you shall have the Commission for the Coroners you recommend with the first Conveniency.

[Council to Henry Dickinson, Esqr.] Ibid. p. 222

We have directed the Treasurer of this Shore to give you Information from Time to Time the Amount of the Securities lodged with him for the Redemption of the Bills of Credit to be emitted, and as one fifteenth thereof is allotted by law to issue for the Eastern Shore for the Defence of the Eastern Shore, we request you to issue in the Proportion of one fifteenth of the Securities which M[r] Harwood shall inform you are lodged in his Office, the present Amount to 23,000£

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[Council to Colo. Edward Gaither.]

There is an immediate want of short Forage for the Horses in the Care of M[r] Bullen, you will therefore send what Bran and Shorts you have immediately to Annapolis

Ibid.

[Council to Thomas Harwood, Esqr.]

We request you to give Information to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore of the Amount of the Securities lodged with you for the redemption of the Bills of Credit to be emitted, and to continue to give him this Information from Time to Time as the Securities may come in.

Ibid.

[Council Circular, Commissaries of Prince George's, Charles and S[t] Mary's County.]

As there will not be an immediate Occasion for a further supply of Cattle at George Town we request you not to send any more thence, but wait our further Orders, and in the mean Time have the Cattle put in good Pastures

Ibid.

[Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.]

We received your Letter of the 26[th] and refer you to two Letters lately wrote to you on the Subject of Cattle; Enclosed you have forty Pounds to assist in paying the immediate Expences of driving the Cattle and other Expences, we think you must get Barrels at George
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Saturday 28[th] July 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Maccubbin Thirty three pounds, twelve shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &[ca] of the money appropriated for the payment of Expresses &[ca] his Allowance on the Journal of May Session 1781.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct[r] Charles Frederick Wiesenthall forty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be by him expended in necessaries for the Hospital in Baltimore Town on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Richard Waters of the 3[d] Regim[t] Twelve pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for Stores per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Major John Davidson fourteen pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Mason five pounds five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for Stores to the 31st Inst. ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud. July 28 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 116

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Edward Prall fourteen pounds five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for Stores per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Thomas Jones seventeen pounds ten Shillings of the Money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Doctr Charles Frederick Wiesenthall one thousand five hundred and forty three pounds six shillings and nine pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

An Order of the 5th of May 1781 in favor of Doctr Wiesenthall for four thousand five hundred and Sixty seven pounds, two shillings and nine pence is returned and the Auditor General directed to give Credit for the same.

Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt Richard Waters of the 3d Regimt thirty two Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twenty eight pounds of sugar. Capt. Thomas Mason four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of Sugar. Capt. Edward Prall of the 1 Regimt Ten Gallons of Rum and forty pounds of sugar. and also to Colo Thomas Jones two days rations for himself and 18 hands employed in bringing Recruits from Dorchester County.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. John Sprigg Belt of the 1st Regimt facings for a Coat.

That the Armourer deliver to Colo Jones one hundred Musket Cartridges for the use of the Dorchester Militia.

Commission issued to John Stevens appointed Sheriff of Dorchester County in the room of James Woolford resigned.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

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We think it necessary the Flour collected in the several Counties on the western shore should be turned over to the proper continental Officers at such Posts assigned by the Commander in Chief for depositing it as you may think most convenient attending to the respective quantities directed to be lodged at each Post on this Shore. Our Order to the Commissary of St Mary's County directing him to procure and forward one hundred Head of Cattle to George Town for the use of the Militia there assembled there was not countermanded, owing to Hurry and the Multiplicity of Business always before this Board. We would have them turned over to the continental officer there as soon as possible.

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Sunday 29th July 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Mark Alexander Junr Three hundred and forty Dollars of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Philip Welsh, Ludwick Lawman, James McCarty, Isaac Lewis, William Marr, Michl McKnight, John Gottherd, Timothy Burn, Clement Richards, Samuel Malidge, John Gill, Michl Henesy, Valentine Lynn, Thomas Kelly, Daniel Murphy, Thomas Grant and William Welsh Recruits from Baltimore County each, twenty Dollars the Bounty allowed by the "Act to raise two Battalions of Militia &ca" and also the further sum of sixty eight Dollars for recruiting them.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Robert Denny Two thousand two hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be by him applied to the enlisting the men engaged to serve until the 10th day of Decemr next or others for three years or during the war on Account.

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Monday 30th July 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Brice Esquire seven pounds, eleven shillings and four pence of the Bills emitted under the "Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Roger Nelson of the 5th Regimt Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account and also the further Sum of five pounds five shillings of the same Emission due him for Stores per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Isaac Hanson of the 1st Regimt Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account and also the further sum of Eleven pounds, five Shillings of the same Emission due him for Stores per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Trueman one pound, ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for stores per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robertson
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exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him p Acct passed by the A. Gl July 30 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 117

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Three pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the payment of Expresses &ca on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esqr Thirty two pounds fourteen shillings and four pence and also eight hundred and thirty five pounds two shillings and four pence farthing Specie Agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State," per Account and Certificates passed by the Aud. Gl & D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Twiford seventy four pounds, four shillings and six pence specie agreeable to the Act passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Robertson Stevens Fifty one pounds, thirteen shillings and nine pence specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Callahan sixty nine pounds and six pence farthing Specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid per Certificates settled by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Callahan Three hundred and ninety nine pounds, one shilling and two pence farthing Specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid per Certificates passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Donnellan fifteen pounds nineteen shillings and four pence, William Spear one hundred and ninety nine pounds, two shillings. Jonathan Hanson nine pounds, six shillings and eight pence and also to Hollingsworth & Loney six pounds, six shillings Specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Isaac Hanson one suit of Cloaths and four shirts due him for the present year and also to Jacob Collins a Disabled Soldier in the 2d Regimt one Coat, one Jacket, one pair of Breeches, one hat, two shirts, one pair Stockings & one pair Shoes.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Alexander Trueman four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of sugar. Lieut Isaac Hanson thirty Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twenty pounds of sugar and also to Lt Roger Nelson fourteen Gallons of Rum and fifty six pounds of sugar due to the 31st Instant.

Commissions issued to George Pecker appointed Capt in the room of Charles Boone, Stephen Boone, 1st Lieut. George Sank 2d Lieut and Robert Moss Ensign in the Severn Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

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[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.]

Gen[l] Smallwood has requested us to furnish the following Articles for the third Maryland Regiment, to wit, four Horsemens Tents, forty Common Tents, a Case of pocket and amputating Instruments Drums Fifes Drumheads and Cord, the Horsemens Tents to be made larger than those received. Nothing detains that regiment but the want of Horses and Waggons and the above Articles, and we desire you will do every thing in your power to obtain and forward them immediately. If you can't get the amputating Instruments immediately don't delay sending the other Articles of that Account.

Ibid.

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.]

There are nine Horses brought by Col[o] Woolford from Cap[t] Bowie the Collector of Prince Georges County. You are desired to examine them and keep such as are fit for the draught and give a receipt for those that you keep to be transmitted to Capt Bowie the rest of the Horses are to be returned.

Ibid.
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[Council Circular, Richard Barnes Esq[r] and Col[o] Jeremiah Jordan.]

We have considered the Papers and Depositions which have been transmitted to us against Solomon Tyler, and it not appearing to us there is any good and sufficient Cause to justify the Detention of his Property, we request you would order such of his Property as may be under your Care to be delivered to Rachel Tyler wife to the said Solomon or such Person as he may direct.

Ibid.

[Council to Special Court for the Eastern Shore.]

We have received your Letter of the 21[st] and have transmitted a Commission that includes all the Counties of this State on the Eastern Shore. It appears to us very necessary that the Court should immediately sit, and call upon the Lieutenants and Sheriffs of the Counties for what Prisoners they have in their Custody particularly Somerset and Worcester where we are informed there are Several.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captains Jacob Brice, John Smith, Philip Reed, John Lynch and Lieut. Arthur Harris, each, Thirty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &[ca] of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Smith of the 3[rd] Regim[t] Twelve pounds six shillings of the Bills emitted
p. 118 under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two

hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him for Stores per Account passed by the Depy Audr July 31 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 118

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Arthur Harris eleven pounds one shilling and three pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for Stores per Account passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Philip Reed Ten pounds Seventeen shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money approp^{d} as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Wilmot Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to Lieut Robert Wilmot of the Maryland Artillery on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Lynch nine pounds eighteen shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for Stores per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Jacob Brice eleven pounds eleven shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for stores per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Lister Thirty four pounds two shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the purpose aforesaid due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Doctr Levin Denwood nine pounds twelve shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Cloathing and stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Adams, five pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Jacob Norris Eleven pounds of the same Emission of the Money appropriated as aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt George Hamilton Twelve pounds, twelve shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Capt. George Hamilton and Lieut Jacob Norris, each, Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

July 31 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 118 That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Chever of Artillery Ten pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain William Dent Beall seven pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Sergeant Nicholson of 1st Regt one suit of Cloaths for the year 1780.

p. 119 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to David Poe Depy Quarter Mastr six hundred and fifty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign part thereof to be expended in purchasing fifty common Tents, five Horseman's Tents and one hundred Camp Kettles.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Gilbert Middleton one hundred and nine pounds fifteen shillings and five pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. John Smith Thirty two Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twenty eight pounds of sugar. Lieutt Arthur Harris Thirty two Gallons of Rum and one hundred and four pounds of sugar. Capt. Philip Reed Thirty Gallons of Rum and one hundred and four pounds of sugar. Capt John Lynch Thirty Gallons of Rum and ninety six pounds of Sugar. Capt. Jacob Brice Thirty Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twenty pounds of Sugar. Doctr Levin Denwood eight Gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of sugar. Lieut William Adams nineteen Gallons and an half a Gallon of Rum and fifty eight pounds of Sugar. Lieut Jacob Norris Thirty four Gallons Rum and one hundd and twenty pounds of Sugar, and also to Capt. William Dent Beall four Gallons of rum and sixteen pounds of Sugar due to this instant.

July 31 Liber No. 78 p. 224 [Council to John Bullen Esqr.]

We request you to let Capt. Smith have one of the Horses collected by Mr Jenifer the least fit for immediate Service as a Draught Horse

Ibid. [Council to John Bullen, Esqr.]

There is a poor Man in great Distress who has been a Prisoner and came up with the Gentlemen from Carolina, he is at present at Mr Fowler's on Charity. We request that you will send him to the Hospital to be taken Care of.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Lilburn Williams of the 3d Regimt Thirty one pounds one shilling of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the Money appropriated for the present Campaign in lieu of Cloathing on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Trueman four pounds seven shillings and Six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid in lieu of Cloathing on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Robert Denny one hundred and seventy Dollars of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid Twenty Dollars to be delivered over to the following Officers, Capt. Lieut. Wilson of the South Carolina Artillery, Capt Cowan, Mr Matthews Depy Muster Master, Lieut Jordan and David Rees Depy Judge Advocate all of the Georgia Line and Daniel Rees Lieut of the Navy of Pennsylvania to Lieut Colo Vaughan and Major Patten of the Delaware Line, each fifteen Dollars and Lieuts Duff and McWilliams of said Line each ten Dollars to be charged to the Continent and by the said Denny Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Lieut. Robert Denny one hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be by him delivered over to the Soldiers of the Maryland Line in this City returned from Captivity in South Carolina in a Distressed situation each, five pounds to be by the said Denny Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Lieut Robert Denny Three pounds, fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for stores on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Lt Robt Denny four Gallons Rum & Sixteen pounds of Sugar to 1st Inst

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn p. 120 one hundred and thirty four pounds sixteen shillings and five pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the payment of Expresses &ca part of an Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Zephaniah Turner Esqr Fifty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo George Streaker Collector of Horses for Frederick County seventy five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be by him Accounted for.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Watts Three pounds, fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn one hundred pounds Specie agreeable to the "Act to Adjust the Debts due from this State" part of an Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Jeremiah Jacob nine pounds seven shillings and eleven pence Specie agreeable [to] the said Act per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

Henry Baker, Basil Burgess, Samuel Brooke Beall, Frances Ware jun^{r} and Edward Hamilton are appointed Ensigns and Gerard Wood surgeons Mate in the Maryland Line their Rank and Arrangement to be settled hereafter.

Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Col^{o} George Streaker one thousand Gun flints to be delivered to Philip Thomas Esq^{r} Lieut of Frederick County for the use of the Militia of the same.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Gerard Wood app^{d} Surgeons Mate & Samuel B. Beall, appointed Ens. each, Ten pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Gerard Wood and Samuel B. Beall each one suit of Cloaths & Linen for two shirts on Account.

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[Council to Colo. George Dashiell.]

Your Letter of the 25th July, we have received, it is necessary that the Men draughted in your County under the Acts of the two last Sessions, should be immediately marched to this City where they will instantly upon their Arrival be supplied with every Article of Cloathing they are entitled to by Law; you must be sensible it is not only inconvenient but must be very expensive to send the Cloathing to
p. 225 your County, and in Case the Draughts under the first Act should insist upon receiving it before they march, we rely on your making use of your Influence to induce them to come here, you may assure them they shall not be disappointed, the Draughts from most of the Counties marched down with[out] receiving the Cloathing upon similar Assurances, and they have not repented their complying with our requisition. We have appointed a Special Court to try all offenders on the Eastern Shore which is to sit at Cambridge in Dorchester County you will therefore send the Persons taken under our warrant to that Court to be tried, whereby the Trouble Inconvenience and Expence of sending them hither will be avoided. We are sorry M^{r} McBride has declined acting as Collector of Cloathing, and request you would take that Duty on you or appoint a proper Person, the Cattle in those parts

of your County which are exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy ought to be immediately purchased or seized agreeable to the Act for the immediate Supply of Cloathing &ca secured and put upon good Pastures until our further Order is communicated. August 1 Liber No. 78 p. 225

[Council to Mr. William McBride.] Ibid.

We are informed by the Lieutenant that there are many Cattle on those Parts of your County which are easily approached by and much exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy, and that there is great reason to believe they will fall into their Hands unless removed in Time and therefore request you will immediately purchase or seize one hundred of them agreeable to the Act for the immediate Supply of Cloathing &ca then Secure and put them on good Pastures subject to our future Order. the Lieutenant of your County will give you any Assistance you may want in this Business. If there should not be that Number exposed or if there should be more inform us by the first opportunity

[Council to Doct. Murray.] Ibid. p. 226

We shall be obliged to you to examine Mr Wood who has applied for the Place of Surgeons Mate to one of the Maryland Regiments and to inform us of your opinion of him

[Council to Mr. Robert Bowie.] Ibid.

It has been represented to us that the detaining the Horse taken from John Beans in Virtue of the late Act, will be attended with very great Hardships, that the Horse is the Property of John Beans his Son who lives with his Father, and is the only one for the use of both Families to ride or drive in a Chaise and is occasionally used by both, that John Beans Junr is a married Man and a Juror. As it is not our Desire that any of the people of the State should be oppressed when it can be avoided, we desire you would enquire into the above Circumstances and if you find the representation to be true, and that particular Hardships will result from the Detention of the Horse that you would restore him to the young man.

Thursday 2d August 1781 August 2 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 120

The Governor and Council have agreed with Captain Daniel Bryan to command the State Boat Plater on the following Terms, Eleven pounds five shillings Specie or the value thereof, two Gallons of Rum, half pound Bohea Tea, eight pounds brown Sugar and four and an half pounds of Coffee per Month and two rations per Day and

Commissions issued to the said Daniel Bryan appointed Captain of the said Boat plater in the Service of this State and Commission also issued to Thomas Groves appointed Captain of the Barge Wye River belongg to himself

August 2 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 120 Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Basil Burgess and Henry Baker appointed Ensigns in the Maryland Line each, one suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts on Account.

p. 121 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Basil Burgess and Henry Baker each Ten pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Edward Spurrier four pounds four shillings and nine pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Cloathing on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Smith one pound ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John T. Lowe Two pounds five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for stores on Act

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Sprigg Belt five pounds, five shillgs of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for stores on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Arthur Fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Stores on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Daniel Bryan of the Plater Twenty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State to be Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Lodowick Weltner Thirty two pounds, seventeen Shillings Specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " in lieu of Orders of the 19th September 1780 in his and Lieut Jacob Grometh's favor, as settled by the Aud. Genl

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Daniel Bryan as much Provision as he may want, on Account. Arthur Cunningham on his way to Baltimore two Days rations. Lieut. John T. Lowe, six Gallons of Rum and twenty four pounds of sugar. Capt John Sprigg Belt fourteen Gallons of Rum and fifty six pounds of sugar and also to Lieut James Arthur two Gallons of Rum and eight pounds of sugar Stores due to the 1st Instant.

That the Armourer deliver to Capt. Daniel Bryan four muskets and Ammunition sufficient. That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jacob Hust Seven pounds nineteen shillings and three farthings Specie agreeable to the Act to Adjust the Debts due from this State in lieu of an Order in his favor of the 13th May 1781 as settled by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Mark McPherson Three pounds, sixteen shillings and three pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for Cloathing on Account. August 2 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 121

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Smoot of the 2d Regimt Two pounds, five shillings of the same Emission of the money appd as aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to the said Lieut. William Smoot six Gallons of Rum and Twenty four pounds of sugar to the 1st Inst

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Lieut William Smoot Linen for two shirts for the present year.

[Council to Philip Thomas Esqr.] August 2 Liber No. 78

We have received your Letter of the 2d July by Capt Lyon which should have been answered sooner but a Multiplicity of Business constantly has prevented. The Recruits you sent and all others as they arrive are regularly cloathed and equipped. Your Vigilance in suppressing the Insurgents in Virginia under Poe was truly laudable, with regard to the Property of those Men of the Catocton Valley [who] have absconded and supposed to be concerned in the Insurrection, we recommend you to take the opinion of the Judges of the Special Court. We are desirous of giving Reasor all reasonable Encouragement and shall be glad to have an Account of what he has done, and a sample of the Arms he professes to make, the Number and the Terms. You shall have some Money of the new Emission to pay off your Workmen, but this Money must be paid as of the full Value of Specie and for present Services. You must consult the Directions given by the general Assembly in the late laws as your draughted and delinquent Classes at present we cannot particularly advise you we shall write to the Quarter Master General and recommend to him fixing a Post at Frederick Town and wish to hear from you by the first opportunity where you recommend. Eight hundred Flints the whole Number in the Magazine at this Place, are delivered to Colo Streaker for you. In your Letter of the 3d July you mention Commissions for the Officers of the select Militia we now enclose them. It will be proper to forward all the Men intended to recruit the Army, or for the two Battalions as fast as possible, they enlist here very chearfully to serve during the war, the third Maryland Regiment is compleat and the fourth fills very fast; we have Strong Hopes that even the fifth will be full by the last of the Month, under these Circumstances we shall not be able to spare you any Cartridge Boxes at present indeed we want Arms and every kind of military Accoutrements. Your Remarks on the Persons now in Goal are worthy [of] p. 226 p. 227

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Attention and the Governor is inclined to pardon them on their inlisting, he waits only to hear from the Judges of the special Court. Twenty two Pounds ten shillings Bounty is allowed to each recruit for the war. If you will take the Trouble of conducting this Business relative to Gay and Carn for the Benefit of the State a pardon will [be] issued upon their Enlistment, and the Bounty may be appropriated as you shall settle it. It will be best for M^r^ Reasor to appear here and he shall have every Encouragement. We approve of your Conduct as to the Officer of the Guard over the Magazine and agree with you in opinion that three commissioned Officers are more than necessary for such a small Command. In our former Directions we desired you to command the Guards, that all such Guards should be immediately under your Command and subject to your orders. You will therefore act accordingly, but have not any Power of discharging them as they were raised by a particular Resolution of the Assembly.

Ibid. p. 228

[Council to Capt. Gilbert Middleton]

We have appointed Cap^t^ Daniel Brian to the Command of the Plater and request you will send her up to him immediately with whatever appertains to her.

Ibid.

[Council to Col°. Samuel Smith]

We have occasion for one hundred and fifty Sets of Furniture and Arms for light Horse Viz. one hundred and fifty saddles Bridles and Furniture compleat, one hundred and fifty Pair of Horse Pistols and Holsters, one hundred and fifty Sabres or Swords rather, according to the English Model at present used by their Horse if to be had [with] Scabbards for them. These we request you to procure as soon and upon the best Terms possible and we will furnish you with Money of the new Emission for Payment when you want it.

Ibid.

[Council to Gen'l Buchanan.]

The enclosed Copy of a Letter just received from Doc^t^ McHenry with a Copy of the Deposition of Arthur Cunningham render it necessary to take every Precaution for the Defence and Protection of Baltimore Town and Country, and we therefore request you to order the Militia of your County to hold themselves in Readiness to march at a moments warning and have the Arms and Accoutrements examined and put in proper Condition for use, you may depend on being regularly informed of every Thing material that occurs and of receiving every Assistance that can be afforded by us.

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. Job Garretson.]

It has been represented to us by the Petition of Thomas Burgin that he hath been fined by a Court Martial thirty Pounds Specie for

not attending his Duty as a Militia Man according to the Summons or order of his Officer issued some Time in April last. that he has a wife, several helpless Children and a very old infirm Grandmother depending on his Labours for Support, that he has very little Property except a small Parcel of Land which is taken executed and advertised to be sold that the said Lands will sell for not much more than the Fine and Costs, and that he will be deprived of the Means of providing for his Family, We think the Fine considering the Mans Circumstances very grievous and excessive and regret the want of Power to mitigate it, and therefore request you will suspend the Sale until he has an opportunity of laying his Case before the Assembly and applying for Relief. August 2 Liber No. 78 p. 228 p. 229

[Council to Capt. Brian.] Ibid.

You are to proceed down the Bay at least as far as the Mouth of Patuxent River and keep frequently stretching across and down the Bay so as to have a constant look out; if you discover any of the Enemies Vessels standing up the Bay of Force and may appear to you to have Troops on Board, you will return and give the earliest Information thereof, and whenever you have an Opportunity you will write us, where you are and communicate the Intelligence collected. Signal agreed upon, the Plater will upon viewing a Vessel hoist a white Flag at the main Top mast head and lower the Peek of the Mainsail to answer the signal to hawl down the Foresail

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Cray M^{c}Kubin Fifty three pounds sixteen Shillings and two pence Specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" per Certificates settled by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Harwood eight hundred and thirty four pounds and two pence Specie agreeable to the said Act per Certificates passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Thomas 3^{d} Thirteen pounds fourteen shillings and also one hundred and forty four pounds, five shillings & eleven pence Specie agreeable to the said Act ꝑ Acc^{t} & Order passed by the A. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac Harris seventy five pounds eight shillings specie agreeable to the said Act ꝑ Cert^{s} settled by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} George Streaker two hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign, one hundred pounds thereof to be delivered over to Philip Thomas Esq^{r} Lieut. of Frederick

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County and the other hundred pounds to George Murdock to be by them Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Denny Fifty Dollars of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to M^{r} Le Gar of South Carolina and three other Gentlemen from that State on their way to Philadelphia to be repaid by M^{r} Le Gar to the Maryland Delegates in Congress & to be by the said Denny accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esquire Twenty five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

That the Commissary of stores deliver to Hugh Keane late a soldier in the 2^{d} Regim^{t} one hat, one Coat, one Vest, one shirt & one p^{r} shoes, & also to Col^{o} Woolford facings for a Coat & Lining for a Waistcoat.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Commodore Grason fifty pounds of Tallow for the use of the Revenge Intrepid & Terrible Barges.

That the Armourer deliver to the said Commodore Grason as much Wadding or Junk for making Wadding as he may think necessary for the above Barges.

Commissions issued to Thomas Beatty appointed Capt^{n} Conrod Doll Lieut. and Henry Hoffstadler Ensign of a Company of Select Militia raised in Frederick County.

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[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

Commodore Grason has brought with him a Number of Prisoners of war taken in one of the Enemys Barges, we shall take it as a particular Favor if you will have them properly secured.

Ibid.

[Council to George Murdock, Esqr.]

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We have received your Letter of the 30th of July and to answer immediate pressing Expences one hundred Pounds of the Money allowed by the Assembly for carrying on the Present Campaign is granted to you on Account and goes under the Care of M^{r} Streaker, You will please to observe that the Money cannot be issued but at the full Value of Specie and for Nothing but Debts contracted since 19th July last, all former Claims are to be reduced to Specie and Certificates granted with Interest to be paid hereafter.

Ibid.

[Council to Richard Barnes, Esqr.]

We have received your Letter of the 30th July, and agree with you that the sooner the draughted Men are sent here the better, we wrote on the 23^{d} July ordering them to this Place, the regiments are filling fast by the nine Months men enlisting for the war, when the Person

draughted is indigent and has a wife and Child or having two or more small Children who depend on his Labour only for Support or where he is debilitated by sickness or rendered incapable of performing military Duty by other Infirmity; we have requested the Lieutenant to give a Discharge, and therefore wish you to enquire into all such Complaints, and if they are well founded to discharge the Draughts. August 3 Liber No. 78 p. 230

[Council to John Smith Brookes.] Ibid.

We have yours of the 2^{d} Instant and have sent you by M^{r} Landsdale forty Pounds which as well as that formerly sent you, is to be passed as Specie, and only for Expences incurred since the 19th June last, all prior Claims are to be adjusted by the Auditor and a Certificate granted for Specie we are much surprized you have said nothing about the Cattle or taken the least Notice of our Order of the 26th ult. to forward to this City immediately, and are at such a Loss to conjecture the reason for such Inattention, when we informed you the Troops at this Post were without flesh Provisions [and from?] that Cause they are now Suffering and already to mutiny, we there- p. 231 fore again direct that you forward to this Place with all possible Dispatch forty Head of Cattle to be delivered to John Crysal Commissary.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.] Ibid.

Commodore Grason came into the Harbour this morning with three of the Barges from the Eastern shore which we have reason to believe were the Vessels with the Barge they took and the two schooners retaken that Arthur Cunningham Saw, whose Deposition we yesterday enclosed you, the Commodore the Day before yesterday was as low down as Hoopers Straits and neither saw nor heard of any Vessels of Force of the Enemy being up the Bay, he took one of their Barges off the Mouth of Patuxent, and chased two others among the Islands where they escaped, owing to their Barges drawing less water than those he commanded.

[Council to Colo Samuel Smith.] Ibid.

We enclose you the Petition of William Ridgway and a Certificate from Charles Fox. The Petition informs us he was fined by a Court Martial in the year 1779 in the Sum of ten Pounds Specie for which the Sheriff had executed him, that he belongs to a Company in Ann Arundel, and that he never was warned in nor before a Court Martial to take his Trial; he also informs us that the Sheriff offered to take eight hundred Pounds of Tobacco for the Fine imposed on him. We request you will make Enquiry into this Transaction, and if you find the Allegations set forth in the Petition to be true, that you will desire the Sheriff to suspend the Collection of this Fine until you can give us Information on the Subject

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[Council Circular to the Lieutenants.]

We wrote you on the 23^{d} of July requesting you to forward the Recruits and Draughts immediately to this Place, we now repeat our requests. As there have been many Applications to this Board from the Draughts, we think it proper to save them Expence and Trouble to empower you to give Discharges to such who may come within the following Description, being indigent and having a wife and Child or having two or more small Children who depend on his Labour only for Support or who may be debilitated by Sickness, or rendered incapable of performing military Duty by other Infirmity.

Ibid.

[Council to Thomas Sprigg, Esqr.]

Francis Matthews a Substitute for the 34 Class under the Act to procure recruits passed October Session 1780, has presented a Petition to this Board setting forth that James Prather of the above Class sometime in March last engaged to give him five half Joes in Gold and what the Class in which he might be entered should amount to, provided he the said Matthews would go as a Substitute for the Class, that the Amount of the Money in the Class in which Prather is entered is £31..15..6 that he in Consequence of the Engagement aforesaid enlisted to serve for three years that he has only received one silver Dollar and paper Money to the Amount of four half Johannes, that he has applied repeatedly to you for the Balance without Effect. You will observe in the eleventh Section of the law, you are empowered to issue your warrant against the Person or Persons who shall contract with any recruit to give or pay him any Sum of Money for enlisting as a Recruit, on hearing or Default of Notice, and cause the same due to be levied for the use of the recruit. We think it highly necessary that every Species of Fraud should be discouraged and that Justice should be done in every Instance more particularly in the present, for if the recruits and substitutes are treated in the Manner represented it will certainly discourage others from
p. 233 entering into the Service, we therefore request you to enquire into the Matter and if it should appear to you as represented to us that you will take the Measure pointed out by the Act to compel the Payment of the Money due

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Saturday 4th August 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^{r} one hundred and twenty five pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun^{r} five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be expended in necessaries for the Council on Account. August 4 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 122

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut. James John Skinner Two pounds five shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for stores on Account. p. 123

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Ross Key Two hundred and thirty two pounds, one shilling and eight pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for the use of the Troop of Horse under the Command of Capt. Philip Thomas per pay roll examined & passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Edward Giles Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Henry Baldwin of the 3^{d} Reg^{t} six pounds, nine shillings and nine pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Solomon Sparrow Twenty four pounds ten shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Nicholas Ricketts of the Maryland Artillery Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid and also the further sum of nine pounds, nine shillings and six pence of the same Emission on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Purdie going Express Three pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Levin Spedding Twenty three pounds, two shillings Specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the Armourer deliver to Gen^{l} Smallwood's officer four pair of Handcuffs taking his Receipt therefor.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut^{s} James Skinner and Henry Baldwin, each, six Gallons of Rum and Twenty four pounds of sugar and also to Lieut Nicholas Ricketts Twelve Gallons of Rum and forty eight pounds of sugar due to the 1st Instant.

[Council to President of Congress.] August 4 Liber No. 78

The enclosed Copies of Letters this Moment received from the Marquis de la Fayette and Doct^{r} McHenry communicates the Designs and Movements of the Enemy, the State is making every Exertion to collect such a Force as with the regulars here amounting to about six p. 233

August 4 hundred under skilful and experienced officers will enable us to
Liber No. 78 confine them within very narrow Limits, our People are resolute and
p. 233 determined they feel that animating and noble spirit which diffused itself through all Ranks at the Commencement of this glorious Contest, the Approach of the Enemy has apparently banished every sordid avaricious and selfish View, and we trust our People will act like Men sensible of the Blessings they are Struggling for and the Miseries which by an object and dastardly Conduct they most deservedly will feel. If our Militia could be well armed and accoutred they would acquire a Confidence which would stimulate them to a Conduct which would not disgrace Regulars, and on Congress we rely for that Aid and most earnestly solicit your Excellency to supply us immediately with what can be spared and forward them. The field Pieces intended for us would be very serviceable, Congress has not often been troubled with Applications from this State and we flatter ourselves the Exertions of our people upon all occasions merit every Assistance that can be afforded especially at this Crisis. We have taken every possible Precaution to prevent the Stores Provisions and valuable Property belonging to the Continent and State falling into their Hands.

Ibid. [Council Circular, collector of Horses for western Shore.]

We have this Day received Intelligence that the Enemy from Portsmouth in Virginia with forty sail of Vessels and several large Barges with about twelve or thirteen hundred Troops are coming up our Bay said to be destined for Baltimore. We want a Number of Teams
p. 234 to remove the Public Stores and Papers and therefore request you to forward immediately to this Post the Waggons and Teams collected by you, we need not say more to you as you will see the Necessity of forwarding without Delay.

Ibid. [Council Circular, Lieuts of St Mary's and Calvert Counties.]

We request you to Station Persons on whom you can depend upon such Points as command the most extensive View of the Bay to give Information of the Approach of the Enemy which you will be so obliging as to communicate to this Board by Express immediately on receit of it

Ibid. [Council to President of the Special Council.]

We have this Moment received the enclosed Intelligence so that the Destination of the Enemy against this State no longer remain[s] doubtful, we are taking every possible Measure for Defence. We have about six hundred regulars at this City, and have ordered all the select Militia and all the Companies of light Horse of this Shore, and all the Draughts and recruits to rendezvous at this Post and Baltimore Town and shall order out the Militia in the Vicinity of those posts.

You will observe that the Marquis's Forces are marching to assist us. We think there is strong Probability that this Movement is a Consequence of the material Plan mentioned in Germains Letters and after ravaging our Coasts and Shores, they will attempt to establish themselves at Elk. We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of M^r^ Tilghman's Letter of the 1^st^ Instant and think it absolutely necessary your Honours should be immediately informed of the Movements and Designs of the Enemy have taken the Liberty to direct the Commodore to return without Delay with this Letter. Your Assistance in having the Draughts forwarded from the several Counties will oblige us. August 4 Liber No. 78 p. 234

[Council to Mr. Mollohan] Ibid.

We request you make Sale of the Tobacco sent to you by this State and deliver to the Delegates from Maryland in Congress the Sums of Money by them respectively called for out of the Sales. M^r^ Mollohan. p. 235

[Council to Delegates in Congress] Ibid.

We have directed M^r^ Mollohan to deliver to you from the Sales of Tobacco in his Hands the Sums of Money you may call for, The General Assembly have directed that one half only of your Allowance should be paid in this Manner and we beg Leave Gentlemen to mention their Directions as a Guide for your Demands

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.] Ibid.

From Information just received from the Marquis and Doct^r^ McHenry, we no longer doubt of the Designs of the Enemy they are certainly destined for Baltimore Town or the Head of the Bay, the former is the most probable this is the Day of Trial, now must the State of Maryland exert herself, and prove she is worthy of the inestimable Blessings we are contending for; that Love of Country and Disinterestedness which predominated in every Brest at the Beginning of this War will revive and shine forth with the most splendid Lustre more will a virtuous Emulation prompt us to achieve Feats of the most distinguished Valour. We confide in your skill and Activity and are convinced every Disposition will be made to put the Town and County in a proper State of resistance, we have directed the Lieutenant of Frederick County to order his Troop of Horse and all their select Militia to your Assistance and have enclosed Commissions for Troop. All the public Stores must be immediately moved out of Town to Places of Security in the County, and the Inhabitants of the Town must move out all their Goods and valuable Property. The Marquis with his Army is moving this way. The

August 4 Liber No. 78 p. 235 Extracts herewith transmitted will give you all the Intelligence received. The Lieutenant of Harford has Directions to order the Militia of that County to be in readiness to march when ordered, In sending succour from this Post we must be governed by the Move-
p. 236 ments of the Enemy and you may be assured we shall do every Thing possible for your Support

Ibid. [Council Circular to Lieuts Washington, Montgomery, Prince George's, Frederick and Charles Counties]

By Letters received this Day by Express from the Marquis de la Fayette and Doct[r] McHenry his Aid we have the Strongest Assurances that the Enemy from Portsmouth to the Number of 12 or 1300 meditate an Invasion of this State, Baltimore is mentioned in particular forty sail of Vessels with twelve Barges full of Men sailed on the 31[st] from Cape Henry up the Bay, but the Tide and wind being against them, they were obliged to come to an Anchor off Cherrystones about eleven Miles from the Cape, since we have no Intelligence we wish to be prepared to receive them and therefore think it proper to order all the select Militia in your County with the light Horse, if any, immediately to this Place properly accoutred, you will not delay a Momment forwarding them.

With this Addition to the Lieutenant of Frederick County, we are informed that two Sadlers of your Town have about fifty Sadles and Bridles fit for light Horse as they are much wanted we request you to purchase them or any Number immediately, upon the best Terms you can, to be paid in the new Money, should the Men refuse to sell them upon reasonable Terms, you are hereby authorised to seize them for the use of the State.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Sears Twenty pounds of the Bills emitted under the " Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &[ca] of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be Accounted for.

August 5 Liber No. 78 p. 236 [Council to John Smith Brookes.]

Since our last It has become absolutely necessary to encrease the Number of Cattle we directed you to send to this City, and request you will immediately forward forty more in Addition to what we have already ordered

Ibid. [Council to Daniel Jenifer, Esqr.]

We are in want of Beef Cattle for the regulars and Militia, and as there are some Parts of your County much exposed to the Ravages

of the Enemy, we think it proper to remove the Cattle out of their way and direct you to purchase or seize one hundred good Beef Cattle at least on such exposed Places according to the late Act to procure an immediate Supply of Cloathing and flesh Provisions &ca and send them to Places of security and put them on good Pastures subject to our future order. You will send twenty or thirty to this City immediately. August 5 Liber No. 78 p. 237

[Council to Philip Thomas, Esqr.] Ibid.

Capt. Sears will deliver you twelve Prisoners, some of them are daring and desperate Villians, McMullan one of them has had the Command of a Barge for some Time, plundered the Inhabitants in the most cruel Manner, you will receive and secure them until our further Order.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wilmot eighty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign, forty pounds thereof to be delivered over to John Smith Brookes Commissary of Prince Georges County and the other forty pounds to Hezekiah Reeder Commissary of Charles County to be by them Accounted for. and also six pounds nineteen shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State due said Wilmot p Acct passed by the A. Gl

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to to Colo Thomas Woolford and Lieut Henry Gassaway each, Thirty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account. p. 124

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Wright Seven hundred & fifty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to Colo Samuel Smith to be by him Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to James West Thirty pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Rutland eleven pounds eight shillings and four pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for Cattle delivered per Account passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jub Fowler Messenger to the Governor and Council Twenty pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account

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That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Smoot three pounds thirteen shillings and two pence Specie, John Dean two pounds Specie and to Charles Eccleston one pound Specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen^{l} 2^{d} June last. That the said Treasurer pay to John Muschett Thirteen pounds fifteen shillings and two pence Specie agreeable to the said Act per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

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[Council to Hezekiah Reider, Esqr.]

We wrote you yesterday to purchase or seize one hundred Head of Beef Cattle which by Mistake was directed to M^{r} Jenifer, we only meant that you should collect one hundred Head in the whole in Charles County, and if you have procured that Number, it will be unnecessary to exceed it at present. You will forward the Cattle to this Place as soon as possible in Droves not less than twenty Head at a Time, to enable you to expedite this Business you will receive [by] this opportunity forty Pounds of the new Emission, which is to be passed as specie and only for Expences incurred since the 19th Day of June last.

Ibid.

[Council to Nicholas McCubbin, Esqr.]

We request you to deliver to the Bearer the public Flour in your Mill, also the Bran and Shorts

Ibid. p. 238

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

We have ordered Rum or Brandy to be immediately purchased for the Troops at this Post to be issued in such Manner and in such Quantities you may direct, Our Design in ordering this Supply is to remove any Discontents that may have taken Place among the Soldiers from their not being regularly furnished with Rations. We have directed Money to be paid for the deficient Rations and beg you to appoint some Person to receive and distribute it.

Ibid.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

The Troops at this Post being in immediate want of Flour, we request you to forward to this Place one hundred Barrels to be delivered to John Chrysal, if you have not the Quantity you will apply to M^{r} Donnellan to forward it.

Ibid.

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.]

Your Letter of the 5th is received since we wrote general Buchanan we have no Intelligence from the Southward, Enclosed you have an Extract from a Letter from Gen^{l} Washington to Congress this Day received thro our Delegates which with the Enemy not coming up gives us Reason to believe that the Troops lately embarked at Ports-

mouth are not destined against this State, we would not have the Stores removed until you hear further from us, or have a certain Account of the Approach of the Enemy but wish you to have them in Readiness to remove at the shortest Notice to the Place we must leave to you as you are much better acquainted with the County than we are, agreeably to your request we have sent you 750£. We request you to purchase and send forward four Hogsheads of Taffier or Brandy, two Hogsheads of West Indian Rum. August 6 Liber No. 78 p. 238

[Council to Nathaniel Ramsey, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have at your Solicitation reconsidered the Terms upon which Whetstone Point is to be disposed of, and cannot concur with you in Opinion that any bad Effects will result from our not altering them. You must be sensible it was the Intention of the Assembly to sell p. 239 that Property for the Purpose of procuring a Sum of hard Money according to their Engagement for the Officers and Soldiers. The reasons which induced us to fix and still adhere to the Terms of Sale published that no other Money besides Specie will answer the Purposes of the Officers and Soldiers of our Line in the Southern Army and going thither that we have engaged to send the Specie to them as soon as we can possibly obtain it, and that we would not appropriate what came in to any other Purpose, until they were supplied with what the Assembly have allowed, that Whetstone would be sold for Specie only and that we have no Prospect of acquiring a Sum soon by any other Means, many more reasons that occur to us could be assigned if it was necessary; in disposing of this Property you will be governed by your own Discretion having an Eye to the Necessities of the Officers and Men and we are convinced the Public will not suffer. We have sent you an Extract of a Letter from M^{r} Lee from whence we are led to conclude that M^{r} Washington will have no objection to sell his Part, the States answering his Proportion of the Money, as it was the Intention of his father that his Interest should be sold, if you dont think you are authorised to sell his Part, it will be proper to have it laid off in the same Manner M^{r} Russel's was

[Council to Mr. Job Garretson.] Ibid.

We have received your Letter of the 4th Current and Henry Oran's Petition, upon seeing the Man his Age, and Description and considering his indigent Circumstances and numerous helpless Family, we cannot help viewing the Fine laid on him as oppressive. The Letter we wrote you on the 2^{d} Aug^{t} relative to Thomas Burgin was on a similar Subject. We therein acknowledged our want of power to relieve the Man but requested you to suspend levying the Fine until he had an opportunity of laying his Case before the next Assembly. We wrote the same request of Suspension for this Man Henry Oran

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Ibid.
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[Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.]

We send you the forty Pounds mentioned in our Letter of the 3^{d} Instant which did not go by Landsdale's Boy, as he did not call for it. The Troops at this Post are starving, it is impossible to say more to you on that Subject than heretofore, you must without a Moments Delay collect at least twenty Head of Cattle in any part of your County, and forward them immediately, and the residue of our former Orders as soon hereafter as possible.

Ibid.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.]

Our guard Boat is this Minute returned, the Cap^{t} Bryan has been as low down the Bay as Point look out, which place he left yesterday at12 oClock noon, he has kept a very strict look out on both shores, but could not either see or hear of the Approach of the Enemy; As the wind is now fresh at South, if they intend to this Place they must appear within twenty four Hours. You may depend on having immediate Intelligence if any Thing material occurs.

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Tuesday 7th August 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Henry Gaither Two pounds ten shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Acc^{t} passed by the A G^{l}

Commission issued to Edward Norwood appointed one of the Coroners of Baltimore County.

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[Council to Richard Barnes, Esqr.]

We are informed by M^{r} Richard Henry Lee of Virginia that two Deserters of the Virginia continental Line are in St. Mary's County on the east Side of St. Mary's River, their Names Reuben McKenny and John McKenny, John is married to a woman of St. George's Island. Tarply Nash is another Deserter. M^{r} Lee describes them as atrocious piratical Villains who have armed themselves and attempted to plunder and raise a Crew of Desperadoes to ravage both sides of the river Patowmack. We request you to take effectual Measures to apprehend those Men and send them under a Guard to M^{r} Lee.

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Wednesday 8th August 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Chever of the Artillery Two pounds, five shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hun-

dred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for Stores on Account. August 8 Liber C. B. No. 24

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Smith Twenty eight pounds, three shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Cloathing on Account. p. 124

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Marshall Senr Surgeon in the Hospital Department Thirteen pounds six shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Richard Bird of the first Regiment seven pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated for Stores on Account.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Cutleb Rigginburg Seven hundred and fifty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Philip Thomas Esqr Lieut of Frederick County to be by him expended in the purchase of one hundred sadles, Bridles Mail Pillions Valeses & Holsters and Accounted for. p. 125

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr Three thousand three hundred and forty pounds nine shillings and four pence Specie agreeable to the " Act to Adjust the Debts due from this State " due him for Certificates as per Account passed by the Aud. Genl the 17th July 1781.

That the said Treasurer pay to John and Samuel Davidson nineteen pounds, eleven shillings and ten pence Specie agreeable to the said Act in lieu of Orders of the 5th May in favor of Genl Smallwood and others and the 17 May in favor of William Nevin as settled by the Aud. Genl the 5th and also Thirty three pounds, eighteen shillings and ten pence Specie agreeable to the said Act per Account passed the 5 June by the A. Genl

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut John Chever two Gallons of Rum and eight pounds of sugar, Thomas Marshall Senr Thirty and an half Gallons of Rum and one hundred and fifty two pounds of Sugar and also to Capt Richard Bird Twenty Gallons of Rum and eighty pounds of Sugar due to the 1st Instant.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Marshall Senr Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts for the present year.

Henry Hawkins appointed Ensign of the Maryland Line the Rank to be settled hereafter.

William Smith and Christian Kramer of Somerset County severally acknowledge themselves to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds Specie each to be levied of their Bodies, Goods Chattels, Lands

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and Tenements in case they and each of them do not make their personal appearance at the Special Court of Oyer and Terminer about to be held on the Eastern Shore to Testify against George Mason, John Mason Samuel Tomlin and Babel Maddux of Somerset County and not to depart therefrom without the leave of the Court.

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[Council to Gen'l Buchanan.]

The Intelligence received for some Days and this Morning induce us to think the Enemy have declined to make the Attack on this State, which their Behaviour and Movements indicated and of which we apprized you, we therefore think it unnecessary that the select Militia, the Militia at large and the Horse of your County should march or continue any longer in Service and request you to discharge them immediately enjoining them at the same Time to be prepared at all Points to repel any Invasion, we request you also to inform the select Militia and the Horse from Frederick which we have heard are on their March, that we have wrote to the Lieutenant directing him to discharge them immediately.

Ibid.

[Council Circular Lieuts of Washington, Montgomery, Frederick and Prince George's Counties.]

The Intelligence received for some Days and this Morning induces us to think that the Enemy have declined to make the Attack on this State, which their Behaviour and Movements indicated, and of which we apprized you we therefore think it unnecessary that the select Militia and Horse of your County should march or continue any longer in Service, and request you to discharge them immediately enjoining them at the same Time to be prepared at all points to march to any Part of the State to repel any Invasion.

With this Addition to the Lieutenant of Frederick, Yours of the 16th Instant we have just received, and have sent you by Cutleb Riginburg the Express £750, which you will apply to the Purchase of the 100 Saddles &ca We think them very reasonable and hereby engage to indemnify Messrs Muig Shelman Mantz and Scholl against the Gentlemen with whom they have contracted for the Saddles.

Ibid.

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.]

This only to advise you that we have purchased one hundred Saddles, Bridle Ma[i]l Pillions, Valieses's and Holsters at £7..10 at Frederick, this will lessen the Number to be purchased by you

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Thursday 9th August 1781.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Henry Hawkins appointed an Ensign in the Maryland Line a Suit of Cloaths and two shirts on Account.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to the said Henry Hawkins Ten pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceed^{g} two hundred thousand pounds &^{ca} of the money app^{d} for the present Campaign on Acc^{t} August 9 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 125

That the said Treasurer pay to Ensign Basil Burgess eight pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Cloathing on Account.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Chalmers p. 126 seven pounds sixteen shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Peter Adams eleven pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Issabell, two pounds, sixteen shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Chase Esquire Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State per Account passed by the Aud^{r} Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Vardin thirteen pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the payment of Expresses &^{ca} per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

The Governor and Council agreed this Day with John Dorsey & C^{o} for six Tons of good Merchantable sorted Cordage fit for a Galley or such other use as the State may require for which said Dorsey and Company are to be paid at the rate of twenty pence per pound of the new Emission as specie the money to be advanced the Cordage to be delivered whenever required to be made according to a Cordage Bill.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Chase Esquire one thousand pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State to be delivered over to John Dorsey & C^{o} in payment for twelve thousand pounds of Cordage agreeable to the above Contract.

On the Petition of Stacy Arms of Charles County Setting forth that she is a Widow and has three Children one a son and the other two Daughters, very small, that her son was Draughted on the 27th of July last, that he is the only support of her and her two Daughters, and that should he be obliged to march she and her two Daughters must be left in great Distress. It is therefore ordered that John

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Arms son of the aforesaid Stacy Arms, be discharged from the Service for which he was Draughted.

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[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

We request the Favor of you to order a trusty Serjeant and four or five Men to go over Severn to M^r John Brices, to bring over three Beeves from thence. The Letter herewith sent is to M^r Brice to request him to deliver the Cattle.

Ibid.

[Council to John Brice, Esqr.]

The Necessity of an immediate Supply of flesh Provisions for the Troops at this Place induces us to request you will deliver to the Bearer hereof the three Beeves you offered to the State in your Letter to Col. Brice

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. Stephen Steward.]

We have contracted with John Dorsey and Company for Cordage for the Galley, you are building, and shall be obliged to you for a Bill of what will be necessary for her immediately that we may write to them to have it made

Ibid.

[Council to Francis Ware, Esqr.]

From every Information lately received, we have reason to believe it is not the Intention of the Enemy to invade this State at this Time, we therefore request you to discharge the Militia of your County immediately.

Ibid.

[Council to Joseph Dashiell, Esqr.]

Yours the 5^th^ was delivered to M^r Robert Potts on yesterday, we have examined him and tho we do not think him criminal, yet we think him reprehensible in giving any Assurances to the Enemy of his being friendly to them to save his Property. On the 23^d^ Ul^t^ we wrote to you to forward all the recruits Draughts and substitutes in your County immediately to this City, and repeated it on ours of the 3^d^ Instant and are not a little surprized at your not receiving them.

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We now reiterate our request that you will forward them immediately to this City. We have appointed a special Court for the Eastern Shore to be held at Cambridge and have requested the Judges to meet as soon as possible and to call on the respective Lieutenants and Sheriffs on the Eastern Shore for Information of the Criminals. You will be so obliging as to send a particular Account of the Barge mentioned in yours with her Costs we have not procured the Number directed by the Assembly, and if she will answer the Purpose and the Price is reasonable we will take her.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt David Lynn fifteen shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Singleton five pounds five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to the Reverend Mr Armstrong Chaplain to the 2d Maryld Brigade Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the Money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker four pounds two shillings and two pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the payment of Expresses &ca per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Sears Twenty Six pounds fourteen shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. David Lynn two Gallons of Rum and eight pounds of sugar to the 1st Instant and also to Jane Hancock a Soldiers wife of the 3d Regiment four Days rations.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Leonard Bean late a Soldier in the 3d Regimt one suit of Cloaths, Benjamin Duvall a soldier of the same Regimt one Coat, two shirts, one hat, one pair Shoes, one pair Overalls. John Bullen Linen for two Beds and two pair Sheets for the Hospital the Reverend Mr Armstrong one suit of Cloaths and linen for four shirts for the present year and also to Doctr Armstrongs waiter a soldier of the Delaware Regiment, one hat, one Coat, one waistcoat one shirt, one pair Overalls, and one pair of Shoes to be charged to the Continent.

That John Bullen Esqr Quarter Master deliver to General Smallwoods Guard sixteen Waggon horses.

Commissions issued to Matthias Traverse appointed Captain of the Barge Defence belonging to the Inhabitants of Dorchester County.

[Council to Mr. John Wells.]

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You are authorised to purchase or seize immediately twenty Head of Beef Cattle, and if possible to deliver some Part of them this Evening; if seized, you will give Certificates to the Owners for them, if purchased you are not to exceed four Pence ℔ Pound and the money shall be paid.

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[Council to Col. Samuel Smith.]

We have sent draught Horses for four Waggons to M^r^ Poe, and request you to forward the Cloathing Tents &^ca^ in them to M^r^ Muir we shall want at least five hundred suits of soldiers Cloathing in Addition to those already procured, and request you to obtain them as soon as possible, and to enable you, we can supply Tobacco or new Money. forward the Rume

Ibid.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

M^r^ Chrysal informs us that he has received fifty three Barrels of Flour out of which seventeen only are fit for use, the other thirty six be condemned. If this Flour was sent in Consequence of our order of the 6^th^ Instant, we request you will immediately forward as much sound Flour as will compleat that order including the Seventeen Barrels received. We have frequent Occasion to give Directions to supply the several Posts within this State with Provisions which
p. 244 we wish to prevent in Future, and request you to enquire into the State of the Magazine of Provisions at all Posts where there are Issuies and keep them regularly and constantly supplied.

Ibid.

[Council to President of the Special Council.]

We have the Honor to enclose Copies of Letters this Day received. The pressing Demands for Horses induces us to solicit your Board to give every Aid to the Collectors on the Eastern Shore to procure them, we are informed that in many Counties few are collected, and unless every County furnishes the Number lately appertained by this Board, the Service must be materially injured. We beg Leave also to request you to assist and direct the Lieutenants of the several Counties to forward immediately the Recruits Draughts &^ca^ raised under the late Laws.

Ibid.

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.]

By Letters from the Marquis de la Fayette and from M^r^ McHenry his Aid de Camp dated at new Castle the 6^th^ Current we are informed that the British Troops are landing at York or Gloster and fortifying on the Gloster Side, and York is to be a place of Arms. Lord Cornwallis is in York River he has with him the whole Detachment except the Garrison of Portsmouth. It is supposed that a principal Port of this Fleet was originally intended for New York, but in Consequence of the Arrival of a Vessel with Letters from Gen^l^ Clinton it was suspended and the present Measures adopted. There is reason to believe that a french fleet will speedily be on our Coast. The Marquis request immediate Assistance from the Troops in this State to enable him to oppose the Enemy in their present Position From various

Intelligence and Circumstances we are convinced that we ought to be strictly on our Guard, and that our Militia should keep themselves prepared to oppose the Enemy in Case they make any Attempt; mean Time the Inhabitants should be advised of the Nearness of the Enemy and that they may if they think proper secure their Effects in places of safety. for your fuller Satisfaction we enclose you a Copy of the Letters from whence the above Intelligence was taken. August 10 Liber No. 78 p. 244

Saturday 11th August 1781 August 11 Liber C. B. No. 24

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Michael Boyer sixteen pounds two shillings Specie agreeably to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " in lieu of an Order of the 19th September 1780 in favor of Alexander Smith surgeons Mate to the German Regiment as settled by the Aud. Genl p. 127

That the said Treasurer pay to Septimus Noel Twenty three pounds ten shillings and four pence Specie agreeably to the Act aforesaid p Acct settled by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Jones three hundred and eighty three pounds, eighteen shillings Specie agreeably to the Act aforesaid due him per Certificates settled by the Aud. Genl the 10th Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Hodges nine pounds, seven shillings and six pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Doctr William Kilty Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Alexander Roxburgh of the 4th Regimt sixteen pounds and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Hannah May fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Jacob Brice of the 4th Regimt one suit of Cloaths & Linen for four Shirts for the present year on Account.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Ensign Henry Baker six pounds twelve shillings and five pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for Cloathing on Account p. 128

August 11 [The Commissioners for Forfeited Estates, Annapolis, to Major Joseph Bruff.]

The Com^{rs} have received Information that the Negroes which belonged to Governor Eden, & which you were authorised to sell, were regularly sold & convey'd by his Aturney to James Hutchins Esq^{r} of Q. Anns County, for the Payment of a Debt due, before the 1st Day of Dec. 1779, by Governor Eden to M^{r} Hutchins. Under these Circumstances the negroes are not liable to Confiscation, you will therefore be pleased to postpone the sale until the Board shall be fully satisfied of the Truth of the above Information, when you will receive further Instructions. I am sorry to give you this Trouble, but was not apprised of this State of the Case until this Day.

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[Council to Philip Thomas, Esqr.]

We wrote you on the Instant respecting the Saddles &^{ca} and sent you £750 to pay for them, we shall be obliged to you to contract for sixty more Saddles &^{ca} to be delivered within six weeks upon the best Terms you can make, and the Money shall be transmitted you on request. Yours of the 7th is received with the Recruits &^{ca} and their Enlistments, we shall pay Capt. Boyer and M^{r} Magruder their reasonable Expences for bringing them down

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Monday 13th August 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Price, eight pounds six shillings and one penny of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for the use of Capt. Boyer and Lieut Magruder due them per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Philip Shepherd Two pounds, eight shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot Three pounds eleven shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid per Account passed by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Luke Forster forty five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State to be delivered over to John Simpkins per Account passed by the Auditor General, and also five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Col^{o} Henry Shryock on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph Duvall late a soldier in the 2^{d} Regiment one Coat, one waist coat, two shirts, one

pair woollen Overalls, one hat and one pair Shoes in part of Cloathing due him. August 13 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 128

[Council to Daniel Jenifer, Esqr.]

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We request you to purchase from M^r^ Jesse Taylor on the best Terms you can not exceeding six shillings Currency for a shilling Sterling prime Cost in Europe the Articles mentioned below payable in Tobacco at not less than 15/ Currency ℔ Cent and four ℔ Cent for Casks to be delivered as soon as the Goods are received, on the warehouses for Tobacco from Chaptico upwards or in new paper Money. Fifty Pieces of oznabrigs twenty Pieces raven Duck and russia Drillings, thirty Pieces of Russia Sheeting brown and white, fifty Pieces white and Brown Dawlass, fifty Pieces of white Linnen fit for soldiers, ten Pieces fit for officers, two pieces blue and two Pieces white superfine Cloths, one Piece of scarlet, one Bale of blue Duffits, fifty Mens Saddles, the threads [of?] sewing Silk.

[Council to Colo. Henry Shryocke] Ibid.

We received your Letter of the 10^th^ by Luke Foster, to whom we have advanced according to your Desire five Pounds which is charged to you

[Council to Thomas Spriggs, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have received your Letter of the 9^th^ you would be informed by ours of the 8^th^ that it was not necessary for the select Militia to march as the Enemy by our Information had taken Posts in York River, at York and Gloster and fortifying there, where they still remain, it will be proper for the select Militia to keep themselves prepared to p. 246 march on the shortest Notice, as we apprehend Baltimore to be their Object we have paid £45 due for cartridge Boxes. Luke Foster has the Money.

[Council to John Murdock, Esqr.] Ibid.

Archibald Allen has applied to us for a Discharge from the Draught, alledging his Inability, indifferent State of Health, peculiar Sufferings and Circumstances. We request you to make an Enquiry and if he comes within any of the Descriptions in our Letter of the 3^d^ Aug^t^ you will discharge him.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Watson nine pounds, eighteen shillings and eight pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^ca^ of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him ℔ Account passed by the Aud Gen^l^

August 14 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 128 That the said Treasurer pay to Denton Hammond Esq[r] Seventeen pounds five shillings and eight pence of the same Emission of the money appropri[d] as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esq[r] Ten pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Mills Fifty nine pounds seven shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud[r] Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Woolford Gray of the 3[d] Regim[t] Fifteen pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Francis Revelley six pounds fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Stores on Account.

p. 129 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Welch nine pounds fourteen shillings and Six pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &[ca] of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Jonathan Morris Twenty four pounds four shillings and five pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] and also five pounds like money on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gale of the 5[th] Reg[t] Ten pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Edward Spurrior of the 3[d] Regim[t] Two pounds five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col[o] John Steward Fourteen pounds five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Sprigg Belt of the 1[st] Regim[t] four pounds, thirteen shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Cloathing on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. John Boone of the 3[d] Regim[t] Two pounds five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Kerr Twenty five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to John Bullen on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Denny Thirty pounds five shillings and eight pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be by him distributed to the non Commissioned Officers and soldiers of the 3d Regiment for deficient rations due them. August 14 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 129

That the said Treasurer pay to George Adams, nine pounds four shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to William Thomas Thirty six pounds, fourteen shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander Contee Hanson Esqr Two hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Peale to be delivered over to Colo Nathaniel Ramsey Twenty five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Francis Revelley eighteen Gallons of Rum and seventy two pounds of sugar and Capt. James W. Gray forty Gallons of Rum and one hundred & sixty pounds of sugar to the 1st Inst. on Account.

Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. John Gale Twenty eight Gallons of Rum and one hundred and twelve pounds of sugar. Capt Edward Spurrier six Gallons of Rum and twenty four pounds of sugar. Colo John Steward Thirty eight Gallons of Rum and one hundred and fifty two pounds of Sugar, and also to Lieut John Boone two Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of Sugar to the first Instant on Account. p. 130

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. James W. Gray a suit of Cloaths and linen for four shirts for 1780 on Account. Joseph Davis late a soldier in the 2d Regiment, one Coat, two shirts, one hat and one pair of Shoes. James Collins late a soldier in the same Regiment one hat, and also to Samuel Tindell and Andrew Stewart suffering Soldiers, lately Prisoners in Charles Town each, one Coat, one Waistcoat, one pair Overalls, two shirts and one pair Shoes.

[Council to Capt. Joseph Ford.]

August 14 Liber No. 78 p. 246

We have received yours of the 6th Instant by Mr Mills and have ordered Payment for the Account of Expences incurred in driving and collecting Cattle we have also delivered him £50 of the new Emission, to defray the Expences of your Department arisen due since the 19th of June last.

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[Council to Mr. John Chalmers.]

We request you to procure immediately forty Beeves by Purchase or Seizure, if you are obliged to seize you will give Certificates for the quantity seized, if purchased you are not to exceed four Pence ꝑ Pound.

Ibid.

[Council to Joshua Beall Esqr.]

M^r^ Nicholas Waters has complained to us of the Manner of his being drafted for the 4^th^ Class of the middle Battalion of Prince Georges County. He asserts that W^m^ Fenly according to his Apprehension and a M^r^ Club were first fairly draughted, that a second Draft for the same Class in the Manner made was improper. We suspend our opinion until we have a Clear State of the Facts, which we request you will let us [have] by the first opportunity.

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Wednesday 15^th^ August 1781

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Ensey Clements Two pounds, thirteen shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &^ca^ of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^ That the said Treasurer pay to William Lary, Roger Posey Nelson Johnson and Benjamin Culbert Johnson, each, two pounds, sixteen shillings, John Stone Hunt Three pounds, William Glasgow one pound, twelve shillings and nine pence and Thomas Davis ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due them for rations per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to John Ridout Esq^r^ eight pounds two shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid per Account passed by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Issabell one pound two shillings and six pence and also Three pounds, eight shillings and one penny of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid ꝑ Acc^t^ passed by the A. G^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to William Simpson Three pounds eleven shillings and nine pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid per Account passed by the Auditor Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Pitt seven pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud^r^ Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Gaither jun^r^ Fifty four pounds, two shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^ and also eighteen pounds sixteen shillings and eight

pence of the like money to be delivered over to John Elliot per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] August 15 Liber C. B. No. 24

That the said Treasurer pay to Zachariah Duvall Twenty four pounds five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to Mary Hesselius due her per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l] p. 130

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Arthur of the 2[nd] Reg[t] Three pounds, five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] to be charged to the Continent.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Denny Five hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &[ca] of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be applied to the enlisting the men engaged to serve until the 10[th] of Decem[r] next or others for three years or during the War and also five pounds of the like money to be delivered over to Samuel Tindell a soldier of the Maryland Line returned from Captivity in South Carolina in a Distressed situation on Account. p. 131

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Concoa one hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to Col[o] Henry Hollingsworth and also Forty five pounds of the like money to be delivered over to John Dockery Thompson Lieut of Cecil County to be expended in the recruiting service and to be by them accounted for.

William Watts appointed Surgeons Mate in the Maryland Line the Rank and Arrangement to be settled hereafter.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to the said William Watts Ten pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &[ca] of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said William Watts one suit of Cloaths and Linen for two shirts on Account.

Commissions issued to Baruch Williams appointed Lieut Colonel and James Maxwell Major in the thirtieth Battalion of Militia in Cecil County.

It being represented to this Board by Sarah Barney of Baltimore County, that her son William Barney was draughted under the " Act to raise two Battalions of Militia &[ca] " that he with what little she can do is the only support of her and six small Children and that her Husband and eldest son has been in the American Service for six Years past and are enlisted to serve during the War, which is certified to be true by Brigadier General Gist and several of the Principal Inhabitants of Baltimore Town. It is therefore Ordered that he the

August 15 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 131 said William Barney be discharged from the Duty for which he was drafted.

August 15 Liber No. 78 p. 247 [Council to The commanding Officer of the British Navy or land Forces at or near Portsmouth.]

A Boat the Dolphin belonging to this State commanded by M^r^ William Middleton was in the Month of March last, taken by one of the British Squadron then in Chesepeak, soon afterwards the Cap^t^ of a French armed Vessel brought in here Capt Penny and part of the Company of a British Vessel the Endeavour which he had taken on his Passage Cap^t^ Penny represented himself to be related to Gentlemen of Rank in the British Navy, and requested that his Parole might be taken to return Middleton in his Stead. A Copy of his Parole we have the Honor to enclose; but we have not heard since from Cap^t^ Penny neither has Middleton returned. We request Sir, that Enquiry may be made and Middleton may be released, or Penny returned according to the Terms of his Parole. We have also to inform you that about the 1^st^ July past one of the British Barges captured in the Mouth of Patuxent a small Bay Schooner laden with Tobacco, on Board of which was a young Gentlemen M^r^ James Thomas Owner of the Vessel and Tobacco. His Parents, who are People of Credit have heard that he is very ill in Jail at Portsmouth, and since he was a Prisner, badly wounded, and that he suffers for the Conveniences of Life, under these Circumstance common Humanity induces us to comply with the request of the Parents and Relations of M^r^ Thomas in giving the Bearer hereof Lieutenant Col. John Thomas of the S^t^ Mary's Militia, permission to go with a Flag to endeavour to obtain the Release of his Brother, either on Parole or on Exchange, at the same Time to carry him some Money and Necessaries for his Support and Recovery. He will be attended by Doctr Mud and four Hands to navigate the Boat. There are in Maryland several Persons who have been taken by the Inhabitants plundering on the Shores. If you think proper to release M^r^ Thomas, we will immediately release in his Stead any British Citizen who is a Prisoner here in like Circumstances. As we have truly stated the only Motives for this Address, we have to request that the Bearer, who will comply with the Formalities required, may be received with Indulgence and respect shewn to Flags of Truce

Ibid. p. 248 [Council to John Smith Brookes Esqr.]

We have yours of the 13^th^ Instant by M^r^ Scott who has delivered twenty nine Head of Cattle to M^r^ Chrysal, we cannot conceive how you could have misunderstood our Letters as they were certainly positive to forward the Cattle to his Place, by their not being complied with the Troops have suffered for flesh Provisions, we request

you to lose no Time in forwarding the residue of the Cattle to compleat our Orders. The Law directs that Certificates shall be granted by the Commissaries for Beef Cattle purchased or seized, which will be discounted in Taxes, in the Manner the Gen[l] Assembly may point out. August 15 Liber No. 78 p. 248

[Council to Mr. Samuel Maffitt.] Ibid.

Your Letter of the 18[th] July, we have received, the Law directs the Horses to be taken from the Non-jurors, and those unfriendly to the Government in the first Instance, if not to be had from them, from the Inhabitants at large, and Certificates given discountable in Taxes, as the Act directs no Money can be issued to pay for Horses taken under the Law. If you refuse to act you will inform Colo. Thompson Lieu[t] of your County, who is empowered to appoint in Case of refusal

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.] Ibid.

M[r] John Chrysal informs us a Quantity of Flour has just come to Hand from Baltimore which he conceives to be damaged and unfit for use we request you to examine and immediately forward to this Place one hundred Barrels of sweet Flour, exclusive of our former Order. We have directed M[r] Griffith to purchase or seize one hundred Head of Cattle in Baltimore County, and put in proper Pastures to answer Emergencies.

[Council to John D. Thompson, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have received yours of the 11[th] Instant, As you were not particular in your Description of the Men raised in your County under the late Law, we are at a Loss to determine their Claim to receive a Bounty, as you do not mention whether they are recruits Draughts or Substitutes but whatever the Law will warrant shall be paid them on their Arrival in this City, you will order an active and careful officer from the Militia to march all the Recruits, Draughts and Substitutes raised in your County under the late Acts of Assembly immediately to this Place. The Commissions would have been transmitted to you by this Opportunity, but you have not pointed out how the Vacancy happened, which prevents it. Whenever you inform us they shall be sent. On the Commission to M[r] Scott being returned a proper one will issue to John Scott. We send you £45, to pay the Bounty for the two Recruits enlisted for three years. p. 249

[Council to Matthew Ridley, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have the Pleasure to enclose your Commission for obtaining Arms, Ammunition Cloathing and Loans of Money with our Invoice and a Copy of the Resolution of the general Assembly properly authenticated, approving our Appointment, providing unquestionable Funds, for the punctual Payment of the Interest annually which will

August 15 Liber No. 78 p. 249 accrue on the Money you may borrow and pointing out the Mode for complying with the Engagements you shall make for the Articles enumerated in the Invoices not exceeding the Quantity of Flour and Tobacco limitted by the resolution, you will observe that the Flour and Tobacco is to be delivered in this State at a stipulated Price, or at the current Market Price at the Time and Place of Delivery and we have thought proper to instruct you not to engage Tobacco at less than fourteen Livres per hundred Pounds and Flour at not less than thirteen Livres per hundred Pounds. The Compensation to be made for the Money obtained on Loans, as not to exceed eight ꝑ Cent ꝑ Annum on Tobacco, and nine on Flour. To lessen the risque of the State, we think you ought either to insure or send the Goods in several Bottoms, as may be most convenient and do instruct you accordingly. If a sufficient Sum cannot be procured on Loan, nor Contracts made to supply us with all the Articles mentioned in the Invoice, we desire you to buy and contract for them in the order in which they stand.

p. 250 We repose the utmost Confidence in your Probity Diligence and Discernment in Mercantile Affairs, and are convinced, that the various Matters entrusted to your Care and Management will be so candidly and judiciously conducted, as to promote the Interest of the State, and give entire Satisfaction. We request you will constantly give us precise Information of whatever is transacting on the Political Theatre of Europe, which concerns the united States, and more particularly what relates to Maryland.

Ibid. [Council Colo. Henry Hollingsworth.]

We have yours of the 11th Instant with your Return for the Months of June and July; whatever Flour you have that is not of a Quality to comply with Col Smiths Orders must be turned over to the continental Store keeper or Quarter Master at the Head of Elk. We send you by this Opportunity £100 of the late Emission which is to be passed only as Specie and for Expences incurred in your Departments from the 19th of June

Ibid. [Council to Mr. Job. Garretson.]

It appears to this Board from the representation of Richard Love and others of Baltimore Town that Oliver Button has been absent since December 1779, and was probably dead when the Militia Fines were adjudged to be due from him, and for which Executions are issued against the Lands of Effects to the great Distress of the widow, and a poor Family. In two former Instances we requested you to forbear levying some Militia Fines until the People could petition the Assembly and in the present Instance we request you also to suspend the Execution, and advise the widow and her Friends to apply to the Assembly at their next Session.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Ely Dorsey nine pounds three shillings and six pence Specie agreeably to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " in lieu of an Order of the 18th May last as settled by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Grosh nine pounds, twelve shillings and six pence Specie agreeably to the Act aforesaid in lieu of an Order of the 18th May last as settled by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Vardin eight pounds, six shillings and nine pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &[ca] of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esq[r] seventy five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Roper fifty one pounds, five shillings & three pence of the same Emission of the money app[d] as aforesaid p Acc[t] passed by the Dep[y] Auditor

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Jesse Warder two p. 132 pounds eleven shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &[ca] of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Kirby Jones nine pounds eleven shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Dyre Betton Fourteen pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Nathaniel Owens five pounds fourteen shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro Two pounds eight shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Daniel Bryan Twenty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State to be by him expended in repairing the State Boat Plater and accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junior Twenty five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid on Account.

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That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Philip Baily a soldier of the 4th Regiment one Coat one Jacket one pair Overalls two shirts one hat, one pair Shoes and one knapsack. Thomas Grason seven shirts and seven pair Overalls for the use of the hands of the Barge Terrible belonging to the State. Ensign Henry Baker two and a quarter yards of russia Duck on Account and also to Lieut Rignal Hilleary of the 3d Regimt two and a quarter yards russia Duck on Account

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. John McGowan three Days rations for three hands of the Sloop Success impressed in the Public Service by D. Poe.

Commissions issued to Ralph Hilleary appointed Capt. Joseph Madding Lieut and Thomas Hilleary Ensign of a Company of Select Militia raised in Frederick County

Commissions issued to Daniel Sheilor appointed Captain in the room of John Carmack, George Brown 1st Lieut. John Shoemaker 2d Lieut. Christopher Need Ensign and also to Jacob Collins appointed Captain in the room of William Cormack. Solomon Bentley 1st Lieut. Christian Smith 2d Lieut and John Wood Ensign, belonging to the Catoctin Battalion of Militia in Frederick County.

The measures pursuing by this State for filling up the Regiments of Infantry and Troops of Calvary and prepairing them immediately
p. 133 to take the Field, make the demands for the new Emission of money very considerable but as the money to defray the Expences of the Campaign cannot issue until the subscriptions and securities are lodged with the Treasurer. The Governor and Council earnestly request all those Gentlemen who are authorized to receive subscriptions to exert themselves in Completing that Business and make returns of the Subscriptions already reecived to the Treasurer of this Shore without loss of time.

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[Council to Capt. Thomas Beatty.]

We received your Letter of the 14th and cannot allow any Spirits to be issued to the Guard on their present Duty, as it has not been allowed in any Instance except when from Home and then in very few Instances the regulars in this City have not had any since they have been here which is between two and three Months but we had not Provisions to issue to them.

Ibid.
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[Council to Thomas Gassaway, Esqr.]

The Justices of Charles County Court have requested this Board to direct that the original will of Samuel Lowe of Charles County, deceased should be sent to the Court as necessary to be produced on the Trial of a Cause depending in the said Court between Samuel Lowe Executor of Samuel Lowe and Thomas Reider, we request you

to send the said original will, to the Justices of Charles County Court and to desire them to return it to you as soon as the Trial is over August 16 Liber No. 78 p. 251

[Council to Colo. Philip Thomas.] Ibid.

Enclosed you have Commissions for Capt Hillearys Company of Select Militia. We request you to have Cartridge Boxes made sufficient for the select Militia of your County, and the Money for them shall be transmitted you on Demand. We have received your Letter of the 13th with the Enclosures relative to Gerod and we thank you for your Attention.

[Council to Mr. Benjamin Griffith.] Ibid.

It is necessary that fifty Head of Beef Cattle should be either purchased or seized to supply the Post at Baltimore when wanted you are therefore directed to purchase or Seize that Number from the Part of the County most exposed according to the Law of the last Session for procuring an immediate Supply of Cloathing and fleh Provisions for the Troops, and have them placed in good and convenient Pastures ready to be delivered to Mr Calhoun or our future Order.

[Council to Capt. Daniel Bryan.] Ibid.

The Boat Plater under your Command wanting a new Bottom and other repairs, you are to proceed immediately to Baltimore Town and have her repaired, and hire good workmen upon the best Terms you p. 252 can, you will keep an exact Account of the Expences, and pay them as far as appears just and reasonable in the new Money issued to you this Day as Specie. You may apply to Mr Calhoun for what Provisions are necessary, you will be as frugal and expiditious as possible; if you want any sort of Cordage apply to John Dorsey and Company for it, they have contracted to furnish the State with a quantity. We direct you also to take the Barge with you and have her effectually repaired we rely on your good Management and Industry.

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.] Ibid.

You are required to furnish Barracks immediately for the Troops you will observe the Directions in the Act in providing them

[Council to President of the Special Council.] Ibid.

We are honored with your Letters of the 14th and 15th The Enemy continue in great Force at York and Gloster where they are busily employed in compleating their Fortifications. The Marquis [ ] on Pomonky. We have neither Grape eighteen nor round twenty four Pound Shott, very little of [Iron] and Cartridge Paper, however of that little Capt. Grason has orders for two hundred weight of the Iron and six quires of paper.

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Friday 17th August 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Major Alexander Roxburgh of the 4th Regimt nine pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Neale eighteen shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for rations per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Alexander Roxburgh five pounds seventeen shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Potts bought by him for the use of the 4th Regimt per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Joseph Wood nine hundred and twenty seven pounds, fourteen shillings and eleven pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for the use of the Frederick Battalion of Militia under his Command ordered to the Southward and also, two pounds like money as aforesaid for the use of George Brown per Accounts passed by the Audr General.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Robertson six pounds nineteen shillings and nine pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hawkins three pounds and six pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State in lieu of an order of the 30th August 1780 as settled by the Aud. Genl the 16 Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Cormack forty eight pounds. Capt. Daniel Sheilor four hundred and thirty pounds, fourteen shillings and nine pence and to Capt. Michael Trautman one hundred and eighty four pounds, twelve shillings Specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid for the use of themselves and Companies of Militia as per Pay rolls examined and passed by the Aud. Genl the 16th Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Sylvester one hundred and fifty nine pounds, eighteen shillings Specie and also to Colo Matthew Driver five pounds, thirteen shillings specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Major Alexander Roxburgh Twenty four Gallons of Rum and ninety six pounds of sugar to the 1st Instant on Account.

That the Armourer deliver to Capt Thomas Grason two hundred pounds of Langrage and six quires of musket Cartridge paper for the use of the Eastern shore Barges.

[Council Circular, Commissary of Calvert, to collect fifty; Commissary of Charles, to collect one hundred.] August 17 Liber No. 78 p. 252

We request you to collect and forward without Delay the fifty Head of Cattle heretofore ordered to this City; there are about 1400 Troops at this Post and unless you are expeditious and deliver the Cattle, they must suffer for the want of flesh Provisions

[Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have yours of the 16th Instant, and altho we are well convinced it requires Time to collect and forward a Number of Cattle, yet we conceive our Orders long enough issued to have had the Cattle at this Place before this Day, there are now about 1400 Troops in this City and consequently the Demands for and Consumption of Provisions must be considerable. You will therefore exert yourself and forward p. 253 without Delay the remainder of the hundred Head of Cattle collected in Prince Georges County. The flour will be wanted at George Town and we request you will therefore forward it agreeable to Mr Calhouns Directions.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Clinkscales, Hezekiah Elgin, Zachariah Posey, Ignatius Stewart, John Butler, Matthew Smoot, George Hudson, James Taylor, Samuel Dent. John Boswell, Thomas Gillam, Henry Butler, Hezekiah Mudd. William Oliver, Joshua Stewart, James Warrington, Charles King, David Davis, Barton Beall, William Lovelin, Thomas Elliott, George Maddox, Henry Proctor, William Dorton, Harrison Elgin and Charles McDonald each eighteen shillings Walter Warren Harmon Seventeen shillings, Jacob Miles, Nicholas Miles, William Coombe, John Clements, Benedict Clements, Richard Robie nineteen shillings each, Notley Whitcombe two pounds, eight shillings, James Wright and Charles Athy three pounds two shillings, Francis McCan two pounds twelve shillings, Joseph Newbury two pounds fifteen shillings and James Dunning two pounds sixteen shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£s &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due them for rations per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

John Parks of Baltimore Town having been Committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of Baltimore County on Suspicion of Treason, is hereby Ordered to be Discharged on his giving Bond with two good and Sufficient Securities to be approved by this Board in the penalty of one thousand Pounds Specie to be of good Behaviour during the present War between America and Great Britain and not to depart the State without Leave of the Governor and Council for the Time being and in the mean time shall not by any Act or speaking

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do any Thing to the Prejudice of this or the United States. Bond deposited & Securities approved.

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Sunday 19th August 1781.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Robert Denny five hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£s &ca of the money appropriated for the prest Campaign to be expended in paying Bounties to Recruits & by him Accounted for.

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[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.]

The official Assistant of the superintendant of the Finances of the united States has required of us two thousand Barrels of good sweet Flour, such as will pass Inspection as merchantable to be delivered on or before the 24th Currant on some of the navigable waters of chesepeak to Matthew Ridley Esqr we are convinced that the requisition should be complied with, and every Effort ought to be made to procure and deliver it within the Time. We wish to have the whole delivered at Baltimore Town, but are apprehensive it will not be in your power, you will therefore [send] as much there you possibly can and the remainder at George Town unless upon Consultation with Mr Ridley, you should think it would answer the Purpose at any other Post and save Expence, then we would have you deliver it at such Post, you will have the whole inspected and turned over to Mr Ridley, giving him Notice of the Time and Places of Deposit that he may be present. You will inform us immediately what Prospects you have of complying with this requisition and in what Time. We shall be glad to know what Quantities of Flour has been turned over by you to the Continent.

Ibid.

[Council to Henry Hollingsworth, Esqr.]

There is a requisition from the Superintendant of the Finances for two thousand Barrels of good sweet Flour such as will pass Inspection as merchantable to be delivered on or before the 24th of the present Month on navigable waters of Chesepeak to Matthew Ridley Esqr

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we have written to Mr Calhoun on the Subject and as we are anxious to have the Flour ready in Time desire to know from you, whether you can deliver any, and what part, where, and in what Time. Also a Return of what Quantity of Flour you have lately delivered over to the continental Commissary.

Ibid.

[Council to Matthew Ridley, Esqr.]

We received yours of the 10th Current, and have wrote to Mr Calhoun to deliver you the quantity of Flour required at Baltimore

Town within the Time, if it can possibly be done and have it inspected, if the whole cannot be delivered at Baltimore Town, what is deficient will be deposited at George Town, or at such Places on the navigable waters of chesepeak as will be convenient and least Expensive. It is not in our power to inform you when the Flour can be delivered, but every Endeavour will be used to comply with the requisition. We cannot help observing that M^r^ Morris's Letter this Day received is dated on the 8^th^ had [it] been be forwarded sooner, we have no Doubt, but we should have been able to have complied with the requisition in Time. For your more particular Information we refer you to M^r^ Calhoun.

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Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Shaw and Walter Brooke, each, Two pounds Sixteen shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£^s^ &^ca^ of the money appropria^d^ for the present Campaign due them for rations per Acco^ts^ passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Purdy Three pounds fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun^r^ Two pounds, five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for the like sum advanced an Express from Alexandria on Public Service.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Brewer six pounds one shilling of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him p Acc^t^ passed by the A. G^l^

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Denny Thirty Pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to Thomas Richardson, Michael Clancy, Joseph Blaze, William Cox, William George & John Courts, each, five pounds Soldiers of the Maryland Line returned from Captivity in So. Carolina in a Distressed situation on Account.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Honori Girvue Three hundred and four Pounds, nineteen shillings and eleven pence Specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State."

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That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Samuel M^c^Pherson eight Pounds fifteen shillings of the Bills emitted under the " Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£^s^ &^ca^ " of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for Clothing on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Samuel Duvall late a soldier in the 2^d^ Maryland Regiment one hat, one Coat, one Waistcoat,

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one pair of Breeches one shirt, one Blanket, one pair of Shoes, and one pair of overalls due him for the year 1777 and also to Major Alexander Roxburgh as much coarse Linen as will make 20 Beds for the sick Soldiers in Hospital.

That the Armourer be directed to make 20 Bunks for the sick Soldiers in the Hospital.

Commissions issued to Daniel Dennis appointed Captain in the room of James Toole. John Stewart first Lieut. Philip Thomas second Lieut. and also to Joseph Hooke second Lieut of Frederick Deems's Company in the Baltimore Town Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

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[Council, Circular, Commissary of Prince George's, Calvert and Charles Counties.]

We think it necessary once more to call upon you to forward the Cattle, the Troops at this Place being distressed and entirely without flesh Provisions, and unless you send an immediate Supply must greatly suffer and perhaps may be disbanded, the Consequences so much to be dreaded will be justly imputed to you, unless timely prevented by your Exertions, and an immediate Delivery of the Cattle heretofore ordered

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Murphy seven Pounds ten shillings of the Bills emitted under the " Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£s &ca " of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Richard Dallam Commissary for Harford County & by him accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ignatius Montgomery, one Pound five shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him for rations per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Hezekiah Wheeler one hundred and fifty six Pounds, thirteen shillings and ten pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for the use of his Company of Select Militia per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Horatio Clagett fourteen Pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Clothing on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Marshall Seventy six Pounds, eight shillings and two pence Specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer deliver to Colo Samuel Smith two hundred hogsheads of Tobacco to be accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Samuel Chase Esquire four Augers to be returned in kind or paid for, and also to Capt. Robert Denny five Jackets, five shirts five pair of Overalls five pair of Shoes to be delivered over to Bennett Garrison & Patrick Sullivan of the 1st Jersey Regimt Egbert Goolding of the 1st Boston Regt & Peter Cirque & William Smith of the 2d Connecticut Regt to each one the above Species of Clothing & to be charged to the Continent. It appears by an Order of the 23rd of May last drawn on the Treasurer of the western shore in favor of Colo Samuel Smith for the use of his Battalion of Militia for two thousand six hundred and nineteen pounds twelve shillings and six Pence that there still remains due to the said Colo Samuel Smith and his Battalion, one thousand one hundred and ninety eight pounds, three shillings and eleven pence Specie to be paid to him or his Assigns for the use of the said Battalion according to the Act of Assembly entitled " An Act relating to Public Creditors."

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You will have all the Linnen proper for Tents made up immediately into common Tents

[Council to Commissioner for the Preservation of confiscated Property.]

Ibid.
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Mr Stephen Steward informs us he is in want of one Ton of Iron more than one former order to finish the Galley he is building for the State and request our Order on Mr John Skinner for it we shall be much obliged to you to direct one Ton of Iron to be delivered to Mr Stewart or his order.

[Council to Colo Samuel Smith.]

Ibid.

You are requested to purchase the five hundred Pair of Buckskin Breeches already made and contract for one thousand Pair more to be made and delivered as soon as possible. You are to contract for them in the Bills of the last Emission as Specie and not to give more than thirty five shillings a pair. You will also purchase the swords of Ellicott in the same Money as Specie and all other Goods we have heretofore directed you to buy.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Ensign Henry Baker of the 3d Regiment Twenty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit, not exceeding 200,000£s &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account

August 22 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 136 That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Henry Baldwin Seven pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Jacob Hines lately discharged from the 4th Maryland Regiment one Coat & one shirt in part of the Clothing due him to be charged to the Continent and also to Lieut Henry Baldwin one and an half yards of Swanskin he paying for the same.

The following Commission issued to the persons hereafter mentioned

The State of Maryland to William Young, George Keeports, Richard Lemmon, Isaac Griest and John McClellan of Baltimore County, each and every one of you Greeting.

Whereas the Troops of this State raised since the last Session of Assembly and now raising are in want of Blankets and Clothing And Whereas the Circulation of the Bills of Credit emitted in Virtue of an Act of the last Session on ample Landed funds and redeemable in a very short period, has been totally obstructed in Baltimore Town by the wicked arts and Influence of designing, selfish or disaffected Persons, Inhabitants of the said Town, so that the recruiting Service has not only been impeded but this Board cannot procure the said Articles with the said Bills: And the other Resources of this State being by no means competent to the above purposes; it becomes absolutely necessary to exert the extraordinary Powers vested in us by the Laws of the State and to obtain by Purchase or by Seizure (as has been practiced in the other Counties of this State) such Articles as our Troops are in want of and without which they cannot render essential Service but will become a useless and heavy burthen on the State: We do therefore hereby empower and direct you to Purchase in Baltimore County the Articles agreeable to the List enclosed; 1500 Blankets or Cloth proper to make them. Woolens sufficient for 2000 pair of Overalls Linen for 2000 soldiers shirts. 1000 soldiers hats. 3000 pair Soldiers shoes 2000 pair soldiers metal shoe buckles. 1000 pair of yarn hose for soldiers russia sheeting oznabrigs and Linens proper for 1000 pair Summer Overalls Linen proper and sufficient for 200 common Tents. And in case you cannot agree with the Owners of such Goods having the same for sale you are to seize them in the Hands of any Person (except Foreigners) who hath not assisted by sales of considerable Quantities of Goods for the public use giving a Certificate for the Quantities and Qualities thereof and lodging with us a Copy thereof with samples of the Goods seized and
p. 137 you are to deliver the Goods so purchased or seized to George Keeports Esq^{r} and you will obey all such Orders and Instructions as you shall from Time to Time receive from this Board and for your so doing this shall be your Justification. Given in Council this twenty second Day of August 1781 James Brice Presid^{t}

Commissions issued to John Done appointed Colonel, Lambert Hyland Captain in the room of Isaac Handy. Thomas King Captain in the room of William Waters of William and William Waddy Captain in the room of John Williams belonging to the Princess Anne Battalion of Militia in Somerset County and also to McKimmy Porter Ensign of Capt. Joseph Venables Comp^{y} John McCloster Captain in the room of John Span Conway, William Stewart 1st Lieut. William Waller 2^{d} Lieut. William Francis Dashiell Ensign. George Gale Ensign of Capt Henry Gales Comp^{y}. Edward Kellam 1st Lieut of Captain William Turpins Comp^{y} Joseph Piper 2^{d} Lieut. James Philips Ensign. William Byng 2^{d} Lieut. George James Ensign of Capt. James Bennetts Comp^{y}. Joseph Cotman Capt in the room of George Wilson, William Gale 1st Lieut. William Cotman 2^{d} Lieut and Thomas Waters Ensign. belonging to the Salisbury Batt. of Militia in Somerset County. August 22 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 137

[Council to Mess^{rs} Young, George Keeports, Richard Lemmon, Isaac Griest and John M^{c}Clellan.] August 22 Liber No. 78 p. 255

We have appointed you to obtain by Purchase or Seizure the Blankets and Articles of Cloathing mentioned in the enclosed List, agreeable to the Act here. with transmitted and request you to enter on that Business immediately. We are convinced the Necessity that constrains us to exercise the Power of seizure though irksome and disagreeable in itself induce you to accept the Commission, and carry it into Effect with Alacrity and Expedition.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Mitchell of the 4th Regim^{t} three pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£s &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for stores to the 1st instant on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} George Dashiell Five hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be by him expended in the Purchase of Pork and accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Col^{o} George Dashiell Two hundred Pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as afores^{d} to be delivered over to Peter Chaille Commissary of Worcester County to be expended in the purchase of Barrel^{d} Pork and accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Adam Ott one hundred and Sixty five Pounds, eleven shillings and eight pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due himself and Company of Select Militia and also the further sum of thirty two Pounds like money as above due him per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen^{l} and Dep^{y} Aud.

August 23 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 137 That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Kerrick sixty Pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to Hezekiah Reeder Commissary of Charles County on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° George Dashiell Two hundred and thirty Pounds of the same Emission of the money approp^{d} for the Defence of the Bay to be delivered over to John Done, Geo. Day Scott, Gillis Polk & Rob^{t} Dashiell for a Barge purchased of them by this Board to be finished agreeably to the terms lodged with the Board.

p. 138 Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt John Mitchell four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of sugar to the 1st Inst. on Acc^{t}.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Francis Revelly of the 3^{d} Regim^{t} Capt. Edward Prall of the 1 Regim^{t} Capt. Thomas Mason of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} and Lieut. John Hartshorn of the 3^{d} each 2¼ yds Russia duck to be charged to them.

It appearing to this Board by this Board by the Oath of Sarah Wise of Prince Georges County that Thomas Wise her son who was draughted in the said County to serve as a soldier 'till the 10th Day of December next, is not of the Age of sixteen years and therefore not liable to be draughted under the Law, he is therefore discharged from the said Draught.

Col° George Dashiell hath agreed with this Board to have a Barge of 62 feet Keel built; the other Demensions to be formed on Consultation with Capt. Whalley she is to be so constructed as most effectually to answer for the Defence of the Bay. he undertakes that the Timbers and materials shall be good, sound and well seasoned and that the work shall be performed in a Workmanlike manner, and that she shall be completely finished as soon as possible. In Consideration whereof we have agreed to pay him the actual Cost of the said Barge with five per Cent Commission thereon as a Compensation for his care and trouble in Superintending the building of the said Barge and have advanced him two hundred pounds in part thereof.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Michael Devil eighty Pounds fifteen shillings and one penny. Capt. James Pattison eighty eight pounds, eighteen shillings and six pence. Col° Charles Swearingan ninety two Pounds, eight shillings. Capt. Martin Ridenour two hundred and eighty pounds eleven shillings and eight pence. and Capt. Adam Ott three hundred and thirty three Pounds eighteen shillings and six pence Specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" per Pay rolls examined & passed by the A. G 23^{d} May last.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° George Dashiell Two hundred Pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills

of Credit not exceeding two hundred thousand Pounds &ca of the Money appropriated for the Defence of the Bay to be expended in the Building a Barge according to the above Agreement with this Board on Account. August 23 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 138

Commissions issued to John Parramore appointed Captain, George Layfield Lieut, Scarborough Parker Ensign. Samuel Hopkins Rounds Captain, Isaac Evans Lieut, Joseph Broughton Ensign of Select Militia raised in Worcester County and also to John Williams appointed Captain, Isaac Curtis Lieutenant, John Horsey Ensign of a Company of Select Militia in Somerset County. and to Charles Staplefort appointed Capt. Richard Tubman Lieut, Charles Stewart Ensign Bartholomew Ennalls Captain, James McCallister Lieut. John Miles Ensign of select Militia raised in Dorchester County.

William Corbin appointed Captain, and Samuel Handy Lieutenant of the Barge called the Reformation belonging to the Inhabitants of Somerset County.

Commissions issued to Charles Adams appointed Ensign of Capt Levin Kirkmans Company. William Russum Captain, John Miles 1st Lieut. Joseph Stark 2d Lieut. Jeremiah Connerly Ensign in the Upper Battalion of Militia in Dorchester County and also to John Budd 1st Lieut. John Aaron Ensign of Joseph Robinsons Company. John Keene Captain in the room of Benjamin Keene Richard Tubman 1st Lieut, John Griffith 2d Lieut, Benjamin Keene Ensign, belongg to the Lower Battalion of Militia in the County aforesaid. p. 139

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.] August 23 Liber No. 78

We request you to deliver immediately to Mr John Chalmers three good Horses and such as he thinks fit for the Business of collecting Cattle. p. 255

[Council to Joshua Beall, Esqr.] Ibid. p. 256

We have not Time to answer your Letters fully by this opportunity, the Person who informed you the state continental Money would not be received in the Treasury is exceedingly mistaken, so far from that the Assembly have directed it to be received for all public Debts at three for one hard Dollar and the last Emission as Specie. You will give Directions to the Sheriff accordingly.

[Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.] Ibid.

The Troops at this Post are again totally without flesh Provisions, we hourly expect Beef from you, and request you will immediately send the Fish and Bacon purchased by Col Lyles to London Town. You must not delay one Moment to send the Fish, we will furnish you with Money to pay the Hire of waggons, you will inform us when the Fish will be at London Town Ferry that we may have

August 23 Liber No. 78 p. 256 waggons down on the Side to receive them. If waggons Carts and Teams with Drivers cannot be hired you must impress them.

Ibid. [Council to Colo. George Dashiell]

Upon your recommendation we have agreed to take the Barge offered us by John Done and others of Somerset County, at the Price asked and have given you an Order on the Treasurer of this Shore for the Amount £230 we want one hundred Barrels of good Pork, and request you to purchase it immediately on the best Terms you can, you have an Order on the Treasurer for five hundred Pounds to pay for the Pork. It must be sent up in the Barge, and we request that you will wait on the Eastern shore Council, and request the Favour of them to let Cap[t] Whalley conv[o]y the Barge to this Place, and to take down the Militia you order up in her. We have wrote them on the Subject.

Ibid. p. 257 [Council to Peter Chaille Esqr.]

We have occasion for a Quantity of good Barrel Pork, Co[l] George Dashiel informs us that he think it can be bought for about five hundred Pounds a Barrel. We therefore enclose you five hundred Pounds, and request you will lay it out in good Barreled Pork upon the best Terms you can, and we have bought the Salisbury Barge, and she will be convoyed up by Cap[t] Whalley there will be a good opportunity of sending the Pork by them.

Ibid. [Council to Philip Thomas, Esqr.]

Enclosed you have the Petition of a Number of Men raised under the Act for raising two Battalions of Militia &[ca] to the Board for the Bounty of twenty Dollars alledging they came as Volunteers for the Classes and were promised on their Arrival here to receive it, that they have not received any Class Money nor any thing from Persons composing the Classes more than Money to bear their Expences from the Generosity of the Gentlemen of the Classes, we shall be obliged to you to inform us whether those men are recruits enlisted on or before the 16[th] July or Draughts or Substitutes that Justice may be done them.

Ibid. [Council to Henry Hooper, Esqr.]

We have enclosed you the Commissions requested except for John Steele second Lieutenant and Nimrod Newten as Ensign in Capt. Roger A. Hoopers Company, occasioned by your not informing us of the reason of your request to issue the Commissions as it appears from our Proceedings that Samuel Hooper is second Lieutenant and Walter Rawley Ensign in that Company. It is not in our power to supply any Arms or Ammunition. Your shore has already received its Proportion, indeed our Stock is much reduced by the Abuse of the regulars in this City.

[Council to President of the Special Council.] August 23
Ibid.

We have purchased a Barge of John Done and others of Somerset County now lying at Salisbury, and have requested Col. George Dashiel to send her here manned with Militia and to put on Board a p. 258
Quantity of Pork for the use of the Troops at this Place, but as those Militia must return and there possibly may be some Danger, we shall be much obliged to you to give Orders to Cap^{t} Whalley to convoy the Barge to this Place and take down the Men it is probable that Col. Dashiel may get more Pork than this one Barge will conveniently bring, if so, we hope Cap^{t} Whalley will take it in.

[Council to Col. Joshua Beall] Ibid.

Thomas Wise draughted from the twenty fourth Class was applied to this Board for a Discharge alledging that he is under the Age of Sixteen, and therefore not a proper Draft, we shall be obliged to you to enquire into the Truth and inform the Board his Mother has made Oath that he will not be of Age until April.

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.] Ibid.

You will be so obliging as to take Care of five Horses, which will be delivered you by Edward Kerrick who came up with the Cattle for the Troops, he will take them away in the Morning.

[Council to John Smith Brookes, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have yours of yesterday by M^{r} Scott who has delivered the Cattle from the extraordinary Delay of furnishing Provision and the Distresses of the Troops we have been under the Necessity of being positive with the several Commissaries who had Directions to supply flesh Provisions, we request you will lose no Time in sending forward the residue of the one hundred Head of Cattle collected in your County.

[Council to Hezekiah Reeder, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have yours of the 20th Instant by M^{r} Kerrick, who has delivered the Cattle, you will forward the residue heretofore ordered without Delay. We send you by this opportunity sixty Pounds

[Council to His Excellency Governor Lee.] Ibid.
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The Council intend this Afternoon to go into the Consideration of raising the Troops of Horse, and Appointment of the Officers and are desirous of your being present if your Health will permit.

Friday 24th August 1781. August 24

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Christopher Bruff Liber C. B. No. 24
Twelve Pounds eighteen Shillings and nine pence of the Bills of p. 139

August 24 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 139 Credit emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£^{s} &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Philip Hill five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Clothing on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Hutton Three pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Acc^{t} passed by the A. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen West Esquire two hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be by him expended in purchasing Mounting and repairing one hundred stand of Arms belonging to the Public on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Stephen West one hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for three hundred and forty Socks which he has engaged to deliver the State not less than twenty five pair ꝑ Week to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Mark McPherson Twenty pounds of the same Emission of the Money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to Francis Ware jun^{r} and Edward Hamilton, each, Ten pounds on Account, they being appointed Ensigns in the Maryland Line.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Rignal Hilleary of the 3rd Regiment three pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Robert Denny five pounds of the same Emission of the Money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to Stephen Preston a soldier of the Maryland Line returned from Captivity in South Carolina in a Distressed situation on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll jun^{r} ninety eight pounds, nine shillings and four pence half penny of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of this State to be delivered over to Dan^{l} Carroll Esq^{r} on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Frazier three hundred and seventy six pounds, five shillings and six pence Specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " due him for Cert^{s} Settled by the Aud. Gen^{l} 21 Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nathan Hammond two hundred pounds, eighteen shillings and six pence Specie agreeable to the Act above mentioned due him on Certificates settled by the Aud. Gen^{l}

p. 140 Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut McPherson for the use of Ensigns Francis Ware and Edward Hamilton, each, one suit of Cloths and Linen for two shirts on Account. and also to Ensign Basil Burgess two and a quarter yards Russia Duck.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut. Rignal Hilleary of the 3d Regiment eight gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of sugar to the 1st of September next on Account. August 24 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 140

[Council to Doctr James Murray.] August 24 Liber No. 78

Doct Denwood has applied for an additional Quantity of Medicines in Addition to the Chest sent from Baltimore. We enclose his List, but as we are at a Loss what may be proper, we request the favour of you to enquire of Doctr Denwood of the Quantities in the Chest, and to give Order for such additional Medicines as can be spared out of the public Stores to make up a proper Quantity for the third regiment just about to march. p. 259

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.] Ibid.

In Consequence of an Information lodged by Capt Campbell of some Testimony to be delivered by Capt Seagon against you relative to a Horse, you are desired to attend this Board this Afternoon and be present at the Examination of Capt. Seagon

[Council to Trustees for the Poor of Ann Arundel County.] Ibid.

The Number of sick Soldiers is so great, and there being Appearances of a dangerous Fever, it is necessary to have a proper Hospital assigned for them, and we are informed that the poor House is the properest place, under these Circumstances the poor will be in great Danger. We will let you have Mr Lees house near Severn Ferry for the Poor, if you will be so oblidging as to permit us to have the Poor House for an Hospital.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Francis Rawlings six pounds five shillings of the Bills of Credit emitted under the " Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£s &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lawrence Simpson two pounds sixteen shillings and George McRess ten shillings of the same Emission, of the Money appropriated as aforesaid due them for rations per Accts passed by A. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Robert Denny five hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be by him expended in the payment of Bounties to recruits & accounted for.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Serjeant Suit, three pounds five Shillings and nine pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert John Smith thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Welch one thousand pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to George Keeports Esq[r] to be by him expended in the purchase of Clothing and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Neale fifty pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Joseph Ford Commissary of Saint Marys County on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Vachel and Elizabeth Worthington thirty one pounds fifteen Shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due them per Account passed.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Mary Watson wife of a soldier who lost his life the Day of the Entertainment given by the Citizens of Annapolis to the Officers, one ration per day until the sitting of the Orphans Court of Ann Arundel County.

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[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.]

The Trustees for the Poor of Ann Arundel County having given the State the Liberty of making use of the Poor House as an Hospital on Condition of being provided with another House for the reception of the Poor, we request you will take M[r] Lee's lately occupied by M[r] Hodgkin for the use of the Poor.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt. Keeports.]

We are immediately in want of seventy five Blankets to compleate the Equipment of the third regiment, which is to march, to morrow, you will be so obliging as to purchase that Number immediately or Cloath proper and sufficient to make them and forward them to this Place, they must be here on Tuesday at furthest to be sent after the Troops to George Town. By the Express you will receive one thousand Pounds which you will lay out in the Purchase of the above Blankets and the Articles mentioned in the List sent you the other Day; you are to lay out the Money as Specie, and if the Articles are not to be procured with the Money, you are to seize them agreeably to the Powers given you.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt. Joseph Ford.]

Yours of the 23[d] Aug[t] is received; from the Multiplicity [of business] before the Board the Money mentioned in ours of the 14[th] was

omitted to be sent, we now send it; M^r Calhoun the Commissary for this Shore will give you Directions respecting the wheat and Corn in your Possession on your Application to him. August 25 Liber No. 78 p. 260

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Hanson six hundred and thirteen pounds eight shillings Specie agreeable to the Act to Adjust the Debts due from this State per Acc^t of Certificates passed by the Aud^r Gen^l the 24^th Instant.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Lilburn Williams sixteen Gallons Rum & Sixty four pounds of Sugar for Stores to 1^st Sept^r 1781 on Account

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Major John Eccleston three pounds fifteen Shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£^s &^ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for stores on Account. p. 141

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Robert Denny one thousand pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be expended in the pay of Bounties to the Recruits and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Lilburn Williams six pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Stores to 1 Sept. 1781 on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Alexander Roxburgh, ten pounds two shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Swan of Baylors Horse going on business to Philadelphia from General Greene, Thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid, to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Serjeant Fullam Seven pounds ten shillings of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid, for the taking up five Deserters from the 3^d Regim^t per Cert^a from Capt. John Mitchell.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver, what sugar is due the Officers of the third Regiment now about to march, upon orders not disposed of, and deliver the remainder to the Quarter Master to be forwarded with the S^d Reg^t

That the western shore Treasurer pay to General Smallwood seven hundred and ninety one pounds, two shillings Specie in part of the four thousand pounds, to be distributed to the Officers and Soldiers ordered to the Southward agreeable to the " Act relating to Public Creditors "

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[Council to Capt George Keeports.]

You will immediately send hither all the Arms with the Accoutrements lately received from Philadelphia, and the two brass field Pieces with their Ammunition and Apparatus. There is a further Demand for one hundred and sixty Blankets which you will procure immediately and forward as soon as possible, you'll give us Information by the Return of the Express of the Number of Cartridges,
p. 261 you have made and the Quantity of Lead not run up, If you have not already sent the Blankets mentioned in ours of the 25th you will send with them ninety Stand of Arms (if you cannot send the whole by the Time) to compleat the 3d regiment, also one Ream of Letter and three reams of common Paper.

Ibid.

[Council to Genl Smallwood.]

We are honored with yours of this Day and in Consequence thereof have wrote to Baltimore to forward the Arms and the Blankets if procurable, immediately to this place, as it is probable these Articles will not be down by the Time you mention, and as our flesh Provisions may be exhausted before a Supply is received, we cannot help expressing our Desire that the third regiment may be ordered to march as soon as possible and the Articles wanted, if they can be obtained, shall follow them.

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Tuesday 28th August 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Major John Eccleston two pounds, five shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£s &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. George Handy of Colo Lee's Legion, five pounds and six pence of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid for Stores and also the further sum of thirty pounds like money on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Jacob Crawford of the 3rd Regimt three pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Jonathan Sellman one pound, ten shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Thomas Price of the 2d Regiment, one pound, ten shillings of the same Emission, of the money aforesd for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen thirty Pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid on Account. August 28 Liber C. B. No. 24

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to General Smallwood sixty seven pounds two shillings and six pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£^{s} &^{ca} for the purchase of necessaries for his Table agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly. p. 141 p. 142

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire fifty six pounds eighteen shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway fifty pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Major John Eccleston six Gallons of Rum & twenty four pounds of sugar. Capt^{n} George Handy sixteen gallons of Rum and fifty seven pounds of sugar Lieut Jacob Crawford eight gallons of Rum and thirty two pounds of sugar and to Capt. Jonathan Sellman and Lieut Thomas Price each four gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of sugar to the 1st Sept^{r} on Acc^{t}

Wednesday 29th August 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Frederick Greene one hundred and fifty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£^{s} &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign in part of the Allowance for printing said Bills on Account. August 29 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 142

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Jacob Norris of the 5th Regiment thirty four pounds eight shillings and four pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid for Clothing on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crisall fifty pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Barton Wathen, three pounds, seventeen shillings of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid for Rations per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun^{r} one thousand Pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid to be forwarded to Col^{o} Samuel Smith on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Voorhees Commissary of Kent County one hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission of the Money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Clement Hollyday Esq^{r} one hundred and seventy pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Brigadier Gen[l] Gist thirty pounds Specie part of the £4,000 appropriated to the Officers going to the Southward on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Henry Gaither, one Drum and two fifes for the use of the fourth Regiment.

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Greenbury Simpson drafted from the 51[st] Class of Militia in Ann Arundel County under the "Act to raise two Battalions of Militia &[ca] passed May Session 1781 having made Oath that he was drafted in the 47[th] Class in said County under the Act passed October Session 1780 and procured John Jordan to enlist for the war to whom he gave Forty pounds, part Gold and part paper equal to Gold, and that he has a Mother sixty odd years of age and three Sisters the eldest about fourteen, two has not been able to do any thing for two years past, the next to her about 12 and the youngest about ten years of age, who depend on his labour only for Support; is therefore discharged from the Duty for which he was drafted.

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[Council to William Hemsley, Esqr.]

Peter Bahan who is returned by you as a recruit enlisted during the war, complains that he was hired as a substitute by M[r] Richard Amory, and that M[r] Amory engaged to give him one hundred Bushels of wheat, which he Bayhan has not received, we request you to make Enquiry, and give us Information of this Mans Situation that Justice may be done him, for, if he has not received a Compensation for becoming a Substitute he will of Course be entitled to the Bounty given to recruits.

Ibid.

[Council to John Dorsey and Company.]

We are entirely without Sugar and the frequent Demands on us from the Army make it necessary again to request you to forward without Delay our part of the Foxes Cargoes and that the Accounts may be closed as speedily as possible you will give us the earliest Information to Answer to this Letter

Ibid.
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[Council to Frederick Green, Esqr.]

We request you to have printed without Delay five hundred Copies stitched, of the rules and Articles for the Government of the Draughts and other Militia of this State while in Service agreeable to the Act passed March Session 1780.

Ibid.

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.]

We are entirely Without Rum at this Post, and therefore request you to procure with new Money ten Hogsheads of such rum or Brandy as will answer for the Soldiers, and two Hogsheads of good Rum for the use of the Officers, which we wish you to send down

by the first opportunity that offers. The Proposition in yours of the 28th relative to the Money to be deducted from your second Payment for Lots purchased on Whetstone Point is inadmissible, we send by this opportunity a thousand Pounds agreeable to your requisition. If whatever Articles of Cloathing you have been requested to procure, cannot be purchased with the new Money as Specie, we wish you to apply to Capt Keeports who will Seize them according to the Directions given by this Board

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[Council to Col. Charles G. Griffith.]

Ibid.

We have received your Letter of the 20th and approve very highly of the Disposition of the Gentlemen in your Neighbourhood of forming themselves into a Troop of Horse under the Act of June Session 1780 upon this Principle we would most willingly accomodate you with Swords Pistols and Holsters at the public Expence were it within our power; but we have none of there Accoutrements. We trust that your Zeal and Activity will not be abated but that the same spirit which induced you and your Associates to form such a Design will carry it into Effect, and that you will find Means to procure the Things you want to equip the Troop

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Vardin six pounds, fifteen shillings and eleven pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£s &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Dowson, three hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid, to be delivered over to Colo Thomas Price Commissary of Frederick County for the use of his Departmt on Accot

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Joseph Dowson, one hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Philip Thomas Esquire Lieut of Frederick County and by him forwarded to Moses Rawlings Esqr Commissary of Washington County for the use of his Department and to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Brigadier General Gist one hundred and ten pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to defray the Expences incurred in transacting business entrusted to his care by General Greene to be charged to the Continent on Account and the further sum of one hundred and twenty six pounds like Money to be delivered over to James Calhoun Commissary of Baltimore County on Account

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Warrants issued, directed to Donaldson Yeates D. Quarter Master Gen[l] of M[d] David Poe Quarter Master Baltimore. James Tootell, Annapolis. Thomas Beall George Town. Samuel Maynard, Lower Marlbro',. John Bolton, Chester. James Sullivane Dorchester, Charles Blake Queen Anns County. Richard Dallam Harford and Hugh Hopewell, St. Marys County, empowering and requesting them to impress, all the Vessels capable of Transporting Troops or Military Stores, with their hands, provision and Furniture that are within any of the Rivers or Harbours of Chesepeake Bay and direct them immediately to repair to the Head of Elk, there to receive orders from M[r] Donaldson Yeates Dep[y] Quart[r] Mast[r] General.

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[Council to His Excellency, Genl Washington.]

We are honored by your Excellency's Letter of the 27[th] and we receive with the greatest Satisfaction the Intelligence of the Approach of the Fleet of our generous Ally. You may rely Sir, on every Exertion that is possible for us to make to accelerate the Movements of the Army on an Expedition, the Success of which must hasten the Establishment of the Independence of America, and relieve us from many of the Calamities of war. Orders have issued to impress every Vessel belonging to the State, and forwarding them, without Delay to the Head of Elk: but we are sorry to inform your Excellency, that since the Enemy has had Possession of the Bay, our Number of sea Vessels and Craft has been so reduced by Captures, that we are apprehensive what remains will not transport so considerable a Detachment. We have directed the State officers to procure immediately by Purchase or Seizure five thousand Head of Cattle and a large Quantity of Flour; there is very little salt Provision in the State, but [what] can be obtained, we trust will be collected. Part of the Provision will be deposited at the Head of Elk, Baltimore Town, and George Town, most of the Cattle will be kept in good Pastures, not far distant from the Bay and Rivers, so that they may with Ease be forwarded to any Point where they may be required, we have directed sufficient Quantities of Forage to be laid in, at the Head of Elk, Baltimore Town, and George Town, for the use of the Army. The third regiment consisting of about six hundred Men, under the Command of Col° Adams marched from this City last Tuesday; and about seven hundred of the new Levies here will move in a few Days. Every Aid that can be given M[r] Morris will be afforded with the utmost Chearfulness and Alacrity.

Ibid.

[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth.]

By Letters received by Express from his Excellency Gen[l] Washington and Robert Morris Esq[r] we are informed that a large Detachment from the main Army are on their March to Virginia by way of
p. 264 the Head of Elk to cooperate with the French Fleet hourly expected

in Chesepeake, and are called on in the most pressing Manner for our proportion of the Supplies required by Congress to be delivered without Delay at the Posts of Baltimore and George Town, and the Head of Elk, we most earnestly request you to have all the wheat manufactured into superfine merchantable Flour, and deposited on the waters of Chesepeake the most convenient for Transportation. We have given Directions to the Several County Commissaries to collect by Purchase or seizure immediately a Number of Beef Cattle as mentioned below and such salted Provisions as may be procured so as not to distress the Owners. We request you to attend to and forward that Business. You will also have a sufficient Quantity of For[a]ge laid in at Elk we send you by this opportunity £250, of the new Money to expedite and enable you to comply with these requisitions. Somerset 600, Worcester 600, Dorchester 400, Talbot 350, Queen Anns 350, to be put in good Pastures subject to the future orders of the Governor and Council; Kent 350, Cecil 250 Caroline 150, to be sent to the Head, the whole 3100 Head of Beef Cattle, Salted Provisions Cecil Kent and Caroline to be sent to the Head of Elk, Somerset to be lodged at Princess Ann, Worcester at Snow hill, Dorcester at Cambridge, Talbot and Queen Anns, the Head of Miles River

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[Council to Mr. Muir.] Ibid.

The Cloth sent by M[r] Keeports for Blankets should be cut up, and made without a moments Delay, they should be cut [ ] foot six Inches long.

[Council to Colo. Richard Barnes.] Ibid.

A Detachment from the main Army is expected at the Head of Elk on the 8[th] of next Month on their way to Virginia and it will be necessary to have there all the Vessels that can be procured ready to receive them. We have directed Impress Warrants to all the Counties, where there is any Probability of obtaining Vessels and have enclosed one to S[t] Mary's which we shall be obliged to you to direct the Person in your County who you think the most proper for the Business.

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[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.] Ibid.

By letters received by Express from his Excellency Gen[l] Washington, and Robert Morris Esq[r] we are informed that a large Detachment of the Army are on their March towards Virginia, to cooperate with the French Fleet hourly expected in Chesepeak we are called on in the most pressing and earnest Manner for every kind of supply's to compleat our continental Quota, which are to be delivered without Delay at the Posts of Baltimore, George Town and the Head of Elk, we most earnestly entreat you to collect with Expedition all the Flour and flesh Provisions within your district belonging to the

August 30 Liber No. 78 p. 265 Public, and have it deposited at the above mentioned places. We have given Directions to the several County Commissaries to collect immediately a Number of Beef Cattle, as mentioned below, and salted Provisions, and we request you to attend to and forward that Business. You will also have a sufficient Quantity of Forage laid in at the Posts of Baltimore and George Town. We send you by this opportunity £250 of the new Money to expedite and enable you to comply with these requisitions. S[t] Mary's County 200, Charles 200, Prince Georges 200, Calvert 200, Ann Arundel County 200, Montgomery 300, Frederick 400, Washington 300, the whole 2000 Head of Beef Cattle

Ibid. [Council to Colo. Price.]

We have sent you by M[r] Dawson £200. to enable you to comply with the Orders of the Commissary General to pay for Flour Casks and to forward the Cattle.

Ibid. [Council to Colo. Moses Rawlings.]

We have sent you £100 to enable you to forward the Cattle and for the use of your Department

Ibid. p. 266 [Council Circular to the Commissaries of the several Counties.]

A Detachment from the Main Army with the French Troops, to the Number of 7000 Men will be at the Head of Elk in eight Days, on their way to Virginia to act against Lord Cornwallis. General Washington has wrote us very pressingly for an immediate and large Supply of flesh Provisions; we therefore direct you to procure by Purchase Beef Cattle preferring those Parts of your County which are most exposed to the Ravage of the Enemy; and in Case the Owners will not consent to sell them upon the Terms prescribed by the Act for procuring an immediate Supply of Cloathing & Flesh Provisions &[ca] you will seize them agreeably to the said Act. You will also purchase all the Bacon, barrelled Pork and Beef in your County, if not to be purchased, you will seize what can be spared without distressing the Owners, agreeably to the Act to procure a Supply of Salt Meat &[ca] Passed June 1780

Number of Cattle in each County.

Somerset 600, Worcester 600, Dorchester 400, Talbot 350, Caroline 150, Queen Anns 350, Kent 300, Cecil 350, Harford 300, Baltimore 400, Ann Arundel 200, Prince Georges 200, Charles 200, Saint Mary's 200, Calvert 200 Montgomery 300, Frederick 400 and Washington 300.

Places of Deposit

Kent, Cecil, Caroline, The Cattle to be sent to the Head of Elk

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Cecil, to be sent to the Head of Elk
Kent & Caroline to the Head of Elk
Somerset to be lodged at Princess Ann
Worcester at Snow Hill
Dorchester, at Cambridge.
Talbot & Queen Anns, at the Head of Miles River
Somerset, Worcester, Dorchester, Talbot & Queen Anns, The Cattle to be put into good Pastures Subject to the future Orders of the Board.
Saint Mary's. as above
Harford & Baltimore, Cattle & Salt Provisions, to Baltimore Town.
Ann Arundel, Prince Georges, Charles, Calvert and Montgomery, at George Town
Frederick, Washington } Salt Provisions to George Town; Cattle to Fredericksburg

Money Sent.

To Harford, Baltimore & Cecil, each 100£ by Purdy Express
To Queen Anns, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester each 100£ by M[r] Welch
To Montgomery 100£ by Express
P. S. to Kent, Caroline, Cecil & Queen Anns,
" This Letter will Supersede our Orders of yesterday "

[Council to Capt. Keeports.] — Ibid. p. 267

We want three hundred stand of Arms compleat to equip the Troops now here which we request you to forward immediately to enable the two Battalions to march, we also request you to send all the Blankets and shoes that you or Col[o] Smith can possibly collect either by purchase or Seizure for the same Purpose

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.] — Ibid.

By Information this Day received from his Excellency Gen[l] Washington of a Detachment of the main Army marching towards Virginia under his immediate Command, and urges the immediate Equipment and March of the Levies at this Place, and before they can move, it will be necessary to furnish them with Blankets and Shoes; we therefore earnestly request you to purchase or otherwise procure all the Blankets, or Cloth proper for Blankets and Shoes in Baltimore Town, and have them delivered to Cap[t] Keeports who will forward them; we flatter ourselves from the Importance of the Service every good Citizen will chearfully sell the Articles required.

[Council to Philip Thomas, Esqr.] — Ibid.

M[r] Dawson has been so obliging as to take £100, which we request you to forward immediately to Moses Rawlings Esq[r] Commissary

August 30 Liber No. 78 p. 267 of Washington County with a Letter directed for him which M^r^ Dawson will also deliver you, desiring him to forward a Number of Cattle to Fredericksburgh for a Detachment from the main Army now on their way to Virginia. The Speedy Conveyance of this Money and Letter is of Importance to the public and we entreat your Attention to it.

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Friday 31^st^ August 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Welch ten pounds five Shillings and three pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£^s^ &^ca^ of the money appropriated for the present Campaign per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud^r^

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Robert Denny one thousand pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be expended in the payment of Bounties to Recruits and to be accounted for.

p. 144 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Purdy five pounds, four shillings and six pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£^s^ due him per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Bayfield six Pounds eleven shillings and four pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due himself and Philip Shepherd per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Martin five pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid p Acc^t^ passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Woolfe one hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Patrick Sim Smith Esquire Commissary of Calvert County on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Purdy eleven hundred pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid to be delivered over as follows two hundred and fifty pounds to James Calhoun Esq^r^ Commissary of the western shore. one hundred pounds to Richard Dallam Esq^r^ Commissary of Harford County. one hundred pounds to Benjamin Griffith Commissary of Baltimore County. one hundred pounds to Barruch Williams Commissary of Cecil County. two hundred and fifty pounds to Col^o^ Henry Hollingsworth Comm^y^ for the Eastern shore. two hundred pounds to Donaldson Yates Dep^y^ Quart^r^ Master General for the State and one hundred pounds to John Voorhees Comm^y^ of Kent County for the use of their respective Departments and to be by them Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Biddulph of the South Carolina Troops late a Prisoner at Charles Town Three pounds of

the same Emission, of the money aforesaid to enable him to travel to Philadelphia to be charged to the United States. August 31 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 144

That the said Treasurer pay to John Welch six hundred pounds of the same Emission, of the Money aforesaid to be delivered over as follows one hundred pounds to Philip Casson Esq^{r} Commissary of Caroline County one hundred pounds to Charles Blake Commissary of Queen Anns County. one hundred pounds to Joseph Bruff Commissary of Talbot County one hundred pounds to James Sulivane Commissary of Dorchester County one hundred pounds to Peter Chaille Commissary of Worcester County and one hundred pounds to Col^{o} George Dashiell for the Commissary of Somerset County to be by them Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Adams one hundred pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Thomas Richardson Esq^{r} Commissary of Montgomery County on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Alice Redman one pound of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid due her per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lancelot Chum one pound, nine shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for rations per Acc^{t} passed by D^{y} Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to General Gist three and a half yards of Canvas.

[Council to Donaldson Yeates, Esqr.] August 31 Liber No. 78 p. 268

We have directed all the Vessels in Chesepeak within the State to be immediately impressed, and sent to the Head of Elk, but are apprehensive they will be far short of the Number necessary. We have sent you £200, for the use of your Department.

[Council to Col. Nathaniel Ramsay.] Ibid.

In Answer to your Letter of yesterday's Date respecting the receipt one hundred and fifty Pounds from Ridley and Prinkle we are of Opinion that under the Circumstances represented by you and the pressing want of Specie, that Money from M^{r} Ridley and Prinkle may be taken.

[Council to Patrick Sim Smith, Esqr.] Ibid.

We have received your Letter of the 29th by Bayfield and Shepherd. You will receive herewith a requisition for a further Quantity of Cattle and Provision, which must be provided without a moments Delay, the Drivers will be paid adequate to their Service, when M^{r} Norris comes you shall according to your Desire have some Money

August 31 to assist you. Since writing the above we have determined to send
Liber No. 78 you one hundred Pounds by Woolfe, the Calvert Post.
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Ibid. [Council to Luther Martin, Esqr.]

We are informed by M^r^ Joseph Baxtor of Baltimore County that suits were commenced against him on his Bond as Sheriff and Collector of that County and that Judgements were confessed at the last General Court. M^r^ Baxter has applied to the Assembly to have his Accounts considered and adjusted, which Application has been referred to the next Session. We request you would not issue Executions against him until the Assembly have determined on his Case or our further Order is made known.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Joseph Middleton.]
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We request you to go into South River and bring from London Town a Quantity of and other Things belonging to this State, it is necessary that you make as much Dispatch as possible

Ibid. [Council to President of the Special Council.]

We have the Honor of your Letter of the 16^th^ yesterday an Express brought us a Letter from his Excellency Gen^l^ Washington and another from Robert Morris Esq^r^ The Contents are so interesting that we think it necessary to send you Copies by Express for your Information. In Consequence of this Intelligence and the most pressing Solicitations from M^r^ Morris to deliver our Quota of continental Supplies, we have given the most pointed Orders to impress every Vessel fit for the Purpose of Transportation within the State, to be sent immediately to Elk; to purchase or seize, if necessary, all the salt Provisions that can be spared without distressing the Owners, also upwards of 5000 Head of Cattle, and a large Quantity of Flour and Forage are in our Orders to the different Commissaries; part of these supplies are to be sent to Elk, Baltimore and George Town, the rest to be deposited in convenient places for Transportation either by Land or Water. As a large part of these supplies must come from the Counties of your Shore, we hope that you will give every Assistance requisite to facilitate that Business. If the French Fleet arrive in such Force as to be Masters of the Chesepeak, we expect the Transportation of every Thing necessary will be rendered easy and convenient

Ibid. [Council to Robert Morris, Esq^r^.]
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We have been lately honored with several Letters from you on very important Subjects, but as it was necessary for us to make many Arrangements and Enquiries before we could give you such explicit Answers as we thought necessary or the Subject deserved,

we contented ourselves with adopting the best Measures in our Power to perfect the Business without troubling you with unsatisfactory replies, however your favour of the 28th demands a more immediate Answer. Every Thing that is within our Power, and within the exhausted Abilities of this State shall be done chearfully and immediately to promote and render effectual the Expedition which his Excellency Gen[l] Washington formed against the British in Virginia; in which we are fully sensible the Ease and Safety of this State in particular is deeply interested. The most precise Orders are issued to impress every Vessel within this State, and forward them to the Head of Elk without a Moments Delay; to purchase and seize all the salt Provisions, upwards of five thousand Head of Cattle, and to procure a large Quantity of Flour and Forage; Part of these Supplies will be at Elk, Baltimore and George Town, the rest in Places convenient to be removed either by Land or Water, as may be found most proper for the Service.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Clement Hollyday Esquire Commissioner for the preservation and Sale of British Confiscated Property fifty Pounds of the Bills of Credit emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£[s] &[ca] of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Martin Norris twelve pounds nine shillings and seven pence half penny of the same Emission, of the money appropriated for the present Campaign per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Reily of the 1st Regiment six pounds fifteen shillings and eleven pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Cloathing and stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Gaither jun[r] Commissary of Purchases for Ann Arundel County Forty pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account.

aforesaid the allowance for taking up a Deserter Richard Mansfield.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stadford Forrisdale, five pounds twelve shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Cullember a maimed soldier of the 2[d] Maryland Regiment ten pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid in part of his pay on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty three hundred Pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Philip Thomas Esquire and by him expended in the purchase of Waggons on Account.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^r James Murray one hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Reily four gallons rum and sixteen pounds of sugar to this Day on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Cullember a Suit of Cloaths, two shirts, one hat and one pair Shoes.

Commissions issued to Thomas Cleland appointed Captain and Joseph Blake Lieut of a Company of Select Militia raised in Calv^t County and also to Thomas Harwood appointed Capt. Robert Bowie Lieut and John Hawkins Cornet of a troop of light horse in Prince Georges County in Virtue of the "Act to encourage the raising a Volunteer Troop of light horse in Baltimore Town and each County of this State"

Permission is hereby granted to Philip Stitsbury to go from Annapolis with James West's packet Boat to Baltimore and to return immediately so as to be in the Dock at Annapolis by Sunday night at furthest and if the wind should not be favorable when she gets to Baltimore so as to return by that time she is to proceed to the Head of Elk.

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[Council to President of the Special Council.]

We are this Day honored with yours of the 29^th ult^o and are sorry to be informed that it has so happened none of your Barges could convoy the one we have purchased in Dorset and the Salt Provisions to this Place. The Necessity of collecting a Quantity of salt Provisions at Baltimore and the Head of Elk, without Delay, will fully appear to you on perusing ours of the 31^st Ult^o with the Enclosures, to which we beg Leave to refer you, and we request you Sir, to use your Influence to have one of the Eastern Shore Barges immediately ordered on that Service, which will tend to accelerate the procuring Supplies for the Detachment on their March towards Virginia. We conceive the Information given by Col^o Hooper of the Force and Intentions of the Enemy, to be without Foundation, as our Accounts from the Marquis's Camp of the 25^th Ult^o do not mention it.

Ibid. p. 271

[Council to Edward Gaither, Esqr.]

As from your Representations there is a Necessity for an Authority to impress Waggons Gears, Drivers, necessary Provisions and Forage, to remove the Flour in your Department to Baltimore Town. We therefore hereby authorize and empower you to impress, if you cannot hire, such a Number of Waggons Gears, Drivers, necessary Provisions and Forage as will be fully sufficient for the above purpose and give the Owners Certificates of the Time you employ them.

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There is an immediate Occasion for ten good Waggons and Gears to forward the Troops to the Southward. We enclose you three hundred Pounds towards enabling you to purchase them, which we request you to do, or employ some fit Person, so that not a Moment be lost. If the Owners refuse to sell or you find any Difficulty in purchasing: We hereby authorize and empower you to impress the above Number of Waggons with Gears and have them ready to forward whenever required. We would not give you the present Trouble but we know no Person on whom we can so much depend as on an Emergency so pressing

[Council to Colo Joseph Wilkinson.] Ibid.

We have received your Letter of the 29th Aug[t] and enclose Commissions for Capt. Cleland and Lieu[t] Blake of the Select Militia, when you recommend an Ensign, a Commission shall [be] issue[d] to him. There is a Necessity that all the Draughts and Recruits from your County should be sent up without any Delay: Orders are given for them to be marched as soon as it is possible to collect and prepare them.

[Council to General Smallwood.] Ibid.

There are several Vessels in the Harbour, impressed for the Purpose of transporting Troops, Baggage &[ca] from the Head of Elk. We request you will be so obliging as to order an Officer to take Charge of them and proceed immediately to the Head of Elk.

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Anderson late a soldier in the 3[d] Regiment one Coat and one hat in part of Clothing due him

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Compton p. 146
one pound seventeen shillings and six pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit, not exceeding 200,000£[s] &[ca] of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him p Acc[t] passed by D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Boone sixteen pounds four shillings and two pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Burle Boone five pounds ten shillings and ten pence of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Robert Denny seventy five pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered

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over to Lawrence Branan, Thomas Bird, Robert Harphan, Jesse Jacobs, John Smith, William Moore, John Ferguson, Thomas Allison, Benjamin Passbeach, Daniel Oneal, Michael Mahan, Roger O Donald, Benjamin Burch, John Jones, and Peter Caldwell soldiers of the Maryland Line returned from Captivity in South Carolina in a Distressed situation each, five pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel T. Wright Esquire sixty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col° Samuel Smith one Bolt of Oznabrigs for the purpose of making up soldiers Clothing and also one hundred and Sixty yards of Russia Duck for which he will return one hundred and seventy yards of light Duck proper for making Tents.

Whereas Joshua Dorsey hath this Day made Application for leave to go to Sea contrary to the Tenor of his Bond dated the 6th June 1781. Leave is given to said Joshua Dorsey to prosecute his intended Voyage

On the petition of John Taylor of Saint Marys County who was confined to the Limits of Montgomery County by order of this Board, praying Leave to return to S[t] Marys County where his wife resides, for the purpose of removing her to Montgomery County and settling his Affairs in St. Marys County. Leave is hereby given to the said John Taylor for the term of three months for the purpose aforesaid, at the end of which time he is to return to Montgomery County.

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[Council to Vachel Stevens, Esqr.]

M[r] Gaither the late Commissary of this County having resigned. We have appointed you for the Purpose of purchasing or seizing the Number of Cattle required of this County, that we may be enabled to comply with the Demands made on us from the Continent for an immediate Supply for the Army agreeably to the Orders issued to the late Commissary a Copy of which you have enclosed.

Ibid.

[Council to Col. Philip Thomas]

We have sent a sufficient Number of Horses for the Purpose of bringing the Waggons you were requested to procure for the State agreeably to our last Letter to you. We must further request to have one Half of the Waggons covered and a Tar Box, whip and Pair of Leading Lines to each

Ibid.

[Council to Colo. Samuel Smith.]

We request you to purchase immediately, Linen Sufficient for 1000 Soldiers Shirts, 200 Blankets and 1000 Pair Shoes, at a Credit of six weeks or two Months, for which you will be supplied with Tobacco

for Payment when it becomes due, to be forwarded without Delay to Mr Muir — September 3 Liber No. 78 p. 272

[Council to Christ'r Edelen Esqr., Coll'r for Fred'k Town.] — Ibid.

We request you to procure 1000 Hats and 1000 Pair of Shoes fit for soldiers, as soon as possible, for which Purpose we will supply you with Money to pay for them; but if the Owners should refuse to sell, you will then seize them and forward them in the waggons to be sent to this Place by Colo Thomas

[Council to Capt. George P. Keeports.] — Ibid.

The Goods which Mr Richard Lemmon has secreted or sent out of the way to prevent you from seizing them and executing the Law, are forfeited to the State, or the Value thereof, so that it will be necessary for you to give Information to two Justices of the Peace, that Lemmon was possessed of such Goods and offered them for Sale and hath since concealed them to frustrate the Act of last Session to procure an immediate Supply of Cloathing &ca The ninth Section of the Law empowers the Justices to take Cognizance of this Matter and to give Judgment against Lemmon for the Goods so secreted as p. 273 the Value thereof for the use of the State. We are informed Lemmon is possessed of 500 Pairs of Leather Breeches, you are hereby authorized and requested to seize them immediately, if he will not sell them to the State for the same Price for which he offered them to Colo Smith, which is thirty five shillings a Pair. You will send down the Blankets and Cloathing Tomorrow, or as soon as possible

Tuesday 4th September 1781 — September 4 Liber C. B. No. 24

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to George Adams seventeen pounds nine shillings and six pence of the Bills emitted p. 146 under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000ls &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him pr Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Vachel Stevens Esqr Commissary of Purchases for Ann Arundel County one hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for the use of his Department on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Robertson, three pounds of the same Emission of the Money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Depy Audr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Jesse Taylor p. 147 junr seven hundred and forty four pounds nine shillings and eight pence farthing of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission

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of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000^{ts} &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to his Father Jesse Taylor sen^{r} for goods purchased of him by Daniel Jenifer Esq^{r} purchaser of Clothing for Charles County.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Lavascher three pounds fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Sears one pound ten shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Stores to 1st Inst. on Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Gen^{l} Smallwood Twenty pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid and also Fifteen pounds Specie on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^{r} Richard Tootell seventy pounds thirteen shillings and three pence Specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" as per Certificates Settled by the Aud^{r} 21 Aug^{t} 1781

That the Armourer deliver to John Bullen Esq^{r} one hundred stand of Arms with Accoutrements complete in Boxes for the 3^{d} Maryl^{d} Reg^{t}

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut. Lavascher ten Gallons of Rum and forty pounds Sugar and also to Lieut John Sears four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of sugar to the 1st Instant on Account.

Thomas Dyson, Henry Chapman, Samuel Hanson, Joseph Cross, Thomas Beatty, Malachiah Bonham, John Carey, Basil Waring, R. B. Lattimer, John Merrikin and Walter Hanson appointed Ensigns in the Maryland Line, the Rank to be settled hereafter.

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[Council to General Smallwood.]

We request you will send by the Guard who has Charge of the Horses, all the State Prisoners confined under your Guard in this City to be delivered to Philip Thomas Esq^{r} Lieutenant of Frederick County who is to forward them to Fort Frederick.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt. George P. Keeports.]

The fourth Regiment will march in the Morning, and it is highly and indispensably necessary that the whole of the Articles in your Possession for them, should be forwarded without a Moments Delay. A Quantity of Tin was sent up yesterday, which you will have made up instantly into Camp Kettles and sent down. If a Vessel cannot be got immediately, or the wind should not be fair, you must impress a Waggon Team and Driver, or more, if one will not be sufficient, and forward the Articles by Land. Do exert yourself and procure, if

possible, five or six hundred Pair of Shoes and send them in the Waggon: if they are not made, contract for them to be made immediately. September 4 Liber No. 78 p. 273

[Council to Dan'l Jenifer, Esqr.] Ibid.

As the Goods you purchased of M^r^ Taylor, have not been delivered agreeable to our Directions, and as there is a pressing Demand for them, we request you will forward them to M^r^ Muir the Commissary at this Place, without Delay.

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.] Ibid.

We are immediately in want of Two Teams, to carry to George Town a Number of Arms, Blankets &^ca^ If you have any belonging to the Public or any of your own, you'll send them on this Business, if not, you will immediately impress two Teams for the Purpose, we wish them to go to Day

[Council to Colo. Philip Thomas.] Ibid. p. 274

Lord Cornwallis being apprized of his ticklish and perilous situation appears to be meditating his Escape through Carolina and the Marquis though much inferior in Numbers, is posting his Army in the most advantageous Manner to prevent him, or if that can't be effected, to check his Progress and harrass his Rear. This will serve to shew the Marquis's situation and the Necessity of a Speedy and powerful Reinforcement. The fourth Regiment, tho' not well equip'd and furnished will march in the Morning and we expect they will be in George Town next Friday Evening or Saturday Morning, and have engaged that the Waggons shall meet them there. This will induce you to exert yourself with unremitting Diligence to obtain them in the Manner we have already requested, or by hire, if more agreeable to the Owners. You will send four of the ten waggons to George Town with what Stores you have procured. The Saddles and Accoutrements for the Light Horse, you will forward in the remaining six Waggons, to this Place. The Shoes we desired M^r^ Edelin to purchase are to be sent to George Town and lodged with M^r^ Beall Deputy Commissary. You will receive the State Prisoners sent under Guard and have them secured and forwarded to Fort Frederick

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to General Smallwood one hundred and thirty four pounds, ten shillings specie to be distributed to the Officers and Soldiers, ordered to the Southward agreeable to the " Act relating to Public Creditors "

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That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Philip Read, fifteen pounds seven shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£^{s} &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for Clothing on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Perry Benson three pounds seven shillings and eleven pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Groves, five pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Adams, one thousand, three hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over as follows, five hundred pounds to John Smith Brookes Commissary of Prince Georges County and eight hundred pounds to Thomas Richardson Commissary of Montgomery County for the use of their Departments on Account.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice Esq^{r} eighty three pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£^{s} &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esq^{r} fifty five pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^{r} Two hundred and twenty five pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to George Adams one hundred and fifty Pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid to be delivered over to John Rogers Esquire Chancellor on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Maj^{r} Alexander Roxburgh ninety seven pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission of the money approp^{d} for the present Campaign to be delivered over as follows, Twenty two pounds ten shillings to Capt. David Lynn, Twenty two pounds, ten shillings to Capt. John Mitchell, Thirty pounds to Lieut Lavascher, and twenty two pounds ten shillings to be by himself retained on Account.

Permission granted to Col^{o} John H. Stone to lade a Vessel with flesh Provisions &^{ca} for the French fleet in Chesepeake Bay.

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[Council to John Crisall Iss'g Commy.]

You will issue Rations to the Persons whose Vessels may be impressed as also for the Hands employed in navigating them on their producing a Certificate from Col^{o} James Tootell, of his having impress them, keeping an Account against each Vessel of the Number of Rations supplied.

[Council Circular to the Commissaries of the Several Counties.] September 5
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Yesterday Evening we received certain Intelligence by a French Cutter which arrived at Baltimore Town, that the French Fleet consisting of 28 Ships of the Line and 4 Frigates came into our Bay on the 26th ultº and had landed 3000 Troops in Virginia. The Intelligence is confirmed as to the Arrival of the Fleet, by a Letter from Virginia from one of the Marquis Fayette's Family. There never has been a Time which required the Exertions of the State more than the present. The Fate of Lord Cornwallis and his Army will in a great Measure, depend upon them. Relying therefore on your Patriotizm Zeal and Activity, we trust you will do every Thing in p. 275
your Power to procure the Cattle heretofore ordered. Not a Moment is to be lost and to enable you to act with more Facility, and to ease the Inhabitants we have sent you ☞ £ to pay, in Part for the Cattle, and you may inform the Persons of whom you get them, that the Residue shall be paid as soon as sufficient Subscriptions shall be received on which the Money is to issue. If you cannot procure the whole of the Cattle by Purchase and should meet with any Resistance or Difficulties in collecting them by seizure, you may employ Persons to assist you, and call on the Lieutenant of your County whom we have directed to order out as many of the Light Horse Militia to aid you in the Execution of this Order, as will be necessary.

Ibid.

☞Money sent to each County:
To Somerset £1700 to Worcester 1700£ to Dorchester 1100£ to Talbot 950£ to Caroline 350£ to Queen Anns 950£ to Kent 800£ to Cecil 950£ to Harford 800£ to Baltimore 1100£ to Ann Arundel 500£ to Prince Georges 500£ to Charles 500£ to Saint Mary's 500£ to Calvert 500£ to Montgomery 800£ to Frederick 1100£ and to Washington 800£.

[Council to President of the Special Council.] Ibid.

We most sincerely congratulate you on the Arrival of Count de Grasse. We do ourselves the Honor of enclosing Copies of the Letters which confirm this happy Event. Circular Letters are dispatched to the respective Commissaries, urging them to use every Exertion in their Power to procure and forward the Supplies, agreeably to our former Orders. As they will probably be wanted before they can be collected, without the most strenuous Exertions, we beg Leave to request every Aid in your Power that this Business may not be a Moment retarded. To give the more Energy to the Exertions of the Commissaries, and to satisfy and quiet the apprehensions of the Inhabitants, each Commissary is furnished with a Sum of Money to enable him to pay in Part for the Cattle

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Henry Gaither of the 4th Regiment one hundred and seventy eight pounds, seventeen Shillings and six pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£s &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign per Account passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to William Robertson fifty six pounds three shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Hill four pounds five shillings of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid for rations per Acct passd by D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Compton, eight pounds, five shillings of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid for stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Robertson four hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Thomas Richardson Commissary of Montgomery County to be expended in the Purchase of Forage and Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Dove four Pounds fourteen shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Welch three thousand six hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid to be delivered over as follows eleven hundred pounds to Benja Griffith Esqr Commissary of Baltimore County, eight hundred pounds to Richard Dallam Esqr Commy of Harford County, nine hundred & fifty pounds to Baruch Williams Esqr Commy of Cecil County & Eight hundred pounds to John Voorhees Commy of Kent County for the use of their Department on Account.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Cassandra Ducker, one hundred and forty three pounds, sixteen shillings and three pence half penny Roger Brooke eighteen pounds, nineteen shillings and seven pence half penny and also William Kilgour thirty six pounds, seventeen shillings and eight pence specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" per Certifs passed by the Depy Audr

That the Armourer deliver to Lieut Lavascher one Cutlass, to be returned, or accounted for.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Nicholas Mangers of the 4th Regiment two yards russia Duck and also to John Bryan late a soldier in the Extra Regiment a suit of Cloaths Complete, one hat, one pair Shoes one pair Stockings and two shirts.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Edward Compton twenty gallons of Rum and eighty eight pounds of sugar Stores to the 1st Instant September 6 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 149

That John Bullen deliver to Capt. David Lynn and Major Roxburgh, 3 Horses to be returned at George Town.

Commission issued to Samuel Prior appointed Major of the Gun Powder Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

Henry Thomas a Draught from Kent County having made Oath, that he has a Wife and two small Children, the eldest between 6 and 7 years of age and the youngest about two Months old, who depend on his labour only, for support, is therefore Discharged from the Duty for which he was draughted.

William Handy a Draught from Worcester County having produced to the Board a Letter from a Number of Gentlemen of Worcester County setting forth that " Mr Handy has had the misfortune to lose a wife who has left him 4 small children, these are to be supported by his Industry alone as he has not a Fortune to support them and that some years ago Mr Handy received a bad wound in one of his legs and from the Information of the Doctr who attended him we are Satisfied he could not compleat one Days march " also a Certificate from Doctr James Murray of this City that he has examined the wound which Mr Handy received in his Leg and is of opinion that it renders him incapable of Military Duty, is therefore Discharged from the Duty for which he was draughted.

[Council to Thos Richardson Esqr, Commy. Montgomy County.] September 6 Liber No. 78 p. 275

It will be absolutely necessary to collect immediately, at George Town a Quantity of Forage Sufficient for 3000 Horse and Oxen, on their way to Virginia with Artillery and heavy Baggage. To enable you to procure the Forage, we have sent you 450£ which you are to lay out as Specie

[Council to Messrs Wilkins & McHard, Supervisors.] Ibid. p. 276

The Demands on the Treasury require that all the Money printed should be immediately carried in; we therefore request you to deliver the Money to the Treasurer immediately on its being in a proper State for signing.

[Council Circular to The Lieutenants of the Several Counties.] Ibid.

It is absolutely necessary to have a considerable Number of Beef Cattle collected immediately to supply a large Detachment of our Army, marching to Virginia, and the Fleet and Army of our Ally, now in Chesapeake and Virginia, acting against the common Enemy. To facilitate and expedite the Collection of the Cattle, we request you to give every Aid to the Commissary of your County and furnish

September 6 Liber No. 78 p. 276 him if it should become necessary, with a sufficient Number of Light Horse or Militia to carry the Orders he has received from this Board, into Execution.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. George P. Keeports.]

We have appointed you Commissary for Baltimore County in the Room of M^r^ Benjamin Griffith, whom we have displaced, and do request you to collect Cattle in your County by Seizure, if the Owners will not freely and readily part with them for the last Emission, at the Price per Pound, limitted by an Act of the last Session, The Necessity of procuring immediately about four hundred Head, is great and very urgent, and will, we hope, induce you to accept the Appointment and exert yourself to the utmost. You must be sensible that a Failure in furnishing the Post at Baltimore with Provision for the Troops that will pass through in a Few Days, must be attended with disagreeable and distressing Consequences to the Inhabitants, for the Army cannot and will not suffer, and Parties of Men will be ordered out to obtain the necessary Supplies. If you cannot accomplish this Business speedily without Assistance, we desire you to employ as many Persons as will enable you to execute this Order with Facility and Dispatch. Gen^l^ Buchanan has our Direction to furnish you with as many Light Horse and Militia as will be necessary to obviate any Difficulties you might otherwise encounter, from the unwillingness of the People to receive the State Money as Specie, their aversion to a Seizure, and Perverseness in throwing Obstacles in the way to impede the Measures of Government calculated to assist and render effectual the operations of the Army.

Ibid. p. 277 [Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

We have received yours of the 5^th^ and have wrote to M^r^ Griffith informing him of our Resolution to displace him, if he does not execute all the Duties of his Office, the principal of which, at this important Juncture, is the Collection of Cattle for the Army. You will therefore converse with him on this Subject and if he will not immediately proceed to procure the Cattle, deliver the enclosed, after perusing and sealing it, to M^r^ Keeports. If you cannot obtain, for the new Money what Forage is necessary for your Post, you must Seize it and appoint a Person to assist you, and, if necessary call on the Lieutenant of the County for further Aid. We have supplied M^r^ Richardson with 450£ new Emission, to enable him to lay in the necessary Forage at George Town.

Ibid. [Council to Luther Martin, Esqr. Atty Gen'l and the Sheriff of Balto. County.]

John Chalmers of this City has applied to the Board to stay the Proceedings on Executions issued from the General Court on a

forfeited Recognizance against Robert Cunningham, and John McCandless his Security of Baltimore County having made it appear to us that it was not from a Contempt of the Court that the Recognizance was forfeited, that Cunningham did appear in Court the first Day, and John Moore not appearing, Chalmers, who is solely interested in the Dispute, (Cunningham being only the Agent) apprehended as it turned out, that the said John Moore, would not appear and it being inconvenient and expensive for Cunningham to stay, told him he might go home, but at the same Time requested he would be ready to attend on the shortest Notice, which he promised to give him, if he should be called for: We therefore request you to stay any further Proceedings against the said Robert Cunningham and John McCandless until our further Order, or until the End of the next Session of Assembly.

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[Council to Benjamin Griffith Esqr.]

Ibid.
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If you cannot do all the Duties which the Assembly have annexed to the Office of County Commissary and absolutely decline to undertake the Collection of the Cattle required of Baltimore County, which is the most essential Post at this important Crisis, we shall take immediate Measures to displace you and appoint a Successor, to whom, in that Case, you will deliver the Money, and you will also make a Return immediately to James Calhoun Esq^{r} Commissary General for this Shore and adjust your Accounts as Commissary.

Friday 7th September 1781.

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Liber C. B.
No. 24
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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Flemming one thousand nine hundred pounds of the Bills Emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£^{s} &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over as follows, eleven hundred pounds to Col^{o} Thomas Price Commissary of Frederick County and eight hundred pounds to Col^{o} Moses Rawlings Commissary of Washington County for the use of their Departments on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Woolfe five hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Patrick Sim Smith Commissary of Calvert County for the use of his Department on Account.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker two pounds, eight shillings of the Bills, emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit not exceeding 200,000£^{s} &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

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That the said Treasurer pay to John Merrikin appointed an Ensign in the Maryland Line, ten pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Neale one thousand pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over as follows, five hundred pounds to Joseph Ford Esq^{r} Commissary of S^{t} Marys County and five hundred pounds to Hezekiah Reeder Esq^{r} Commissary of Charles County for the use of their Departments on Account.

That the Commissary of stores deliver John Merrikin a suit of Cloaths and two shirts on Account.

Warrant issued directed to James Calhoun Esq^{r} empowering and requesting him to impress, in Frederick and Washington Counties, such a number of Waggons, Teams and Drivers as he may deem necessary to transport the Public Flour from thence to George Town or to appoint a proper person or persons to impress them.

September 7
10 o'clock
Liber No. 78 p. 278

[Council to Colo. Philip Thomas.]

The fourth Regiment under the Command of Major Roxbourgh, have just marched; most of the Men are Americans and very healthy, likely young Fellows. We have made every Exertion to get Tents; Blankets, Shoes and Camp Kettles, but without Success, and we can't refrain from expressing our uneasiness on Account of their being so ill provided, for they must suffer greatly. The Shoes, we hope have been, or will be obtained in Time and forwarded to George Town, agreeable to our Request. Nothing would be a more acceptable Service than supplying them with 250 or 300 Blankets, or Cloth suitable for that Purpose, and, if they are attainable, we are sensible your Exertions, in Conjunction with M^{r} Edelen will not be ineffectual. The Dews, at this Season, are very heavy and pernicious, and unless they have Blankets many of them will fall sick and be lost. We have the Happiness to congratulate you on the Arrival of the French Fleet in the Bay of Chesapeake under Count DeGrasse, consisting of 28 Ships of the Line, four Frigates and a Cutter; the enclosed Copies will give you the Particulars. Governor Nelson, by his Letter of the 2^{d} informs us they have made such Dispositions as will prevent the British Army, now at York, from crossing James River, should they attempt to escape to the Southward, and trusts they shall, in Conjunction with the French Troops, be able to oppose to them such a Force as will keep them from penetrating westerly in Order to cross the Country higher up. We are also informed by Major Gibbs that the British Fleet of 14 Ships of the Line, under S^{r} Samuel Hood, arrived at the Hook on Wednesday the 8th ult^{o} and were joined by six Ships of the Line from New York & on Friday following the whole sailed from the Hook, supposed for the Chesapeake; their Arrival has not yet been announced

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

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By Information this Day received from Governor Nelson of Virginia, the Article of Flour will be immediately wanted for the combined Forces in Virginia. You will therefore use every Exertion to have as much as possible collected at such Places on navigable Water as will be most convenient for Transportation. There are considerable Quantities of Wheat and Flour in Frederick and Washington Counties; we request you to have the Wheat immediately manufactured into good Flour and waggoned without Delay to George Town, and the Flour now in the Possession of those Commissaries, must be sent to George Town as soon as possible. We directed Col° Rawlings to purchase Waggons to transport the Flour from Washington. If Waggons should not be attainable by Hire, you will make use of the enclosed impress Warrant to obviate any Difficulties that may arise. We must call your Attention to this Business, and think your Presence will be necessary [to] assist in forwarding the Supplies to the several Posts. We think for the present, you ought to refrain from delivering Flour to those Gentlemen to whom we gave Orders, and flatter ourselves the Importance of the Service and the immediate Demand for that Article will induce them to wait without Complaining a few weeks.

[Council to Governor Nelson of Virginia.]

Ibid.

The Arrival of the French Fleet commanded by the Count De Grasse with 3000 Land Forces in the Bay of Chesapeake gave us the highest Satisfaction and we can but applaud the Cautionary Measures concerted to prevent the Escape of Lord Cornwallis and have no Doubt of their proving effectual. We are anticipating the Pleasures that must follow so auspicious an Event as the Surrender of the Garrisons of York and Gloucester. We saw the Necessity of laying in ample Supplies of Provisions for the Fleet and Army and have been and are still exerting ourselves to procure a large Quantity of Flour, 5 or 6000 Beeves and what salt Meat is obtainable in our State. Although we cannot at this Time, ascertain the Quantities of Provisions this State can furnish, yet there is Reason to believe they will be considerable in the essential Articles of Flour and Cattle.

Saturday 8th September 1781

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Rose of the 4th Regiment a suit of Cloaths, one pair of Shoes and one pair of Stockings

That the W. S. Treasurer pay to Mary Preston wife of Thomas Preston late a Soldier in the 7th Regimt and Ann Dudley wife of Joseph Dudley a soldier in the 3d Regiment each, twenty Dollars of

September 8 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 150 the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Smith six pounds, six shillings and eight pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid per Acct passed by the Deputy Auditor.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Tootell, sixteen pounds twelve shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due him as Auctioneer for selling 12 Lots British property in Annapolis p Acct passed by D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Henry Gassaway Ten pounds, ten shillings. Capt. Alexander Trueman fifteen shillings and to Capt. Robert Chesely four pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Brewer six thousand, seven hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid to be delivered over as follows one thousand seven hundred pounds to the Commissary of Somerset County one thousand seven hundred pounds to Peter Chaille Esqr Commissary of Worcester County eleven hundred pounds to James Sullivane Commissary of Dorchester County. nine hundred and fifty pounds to Joseph Bruff Esqr Commissary of Talbot County. three hundred & fifty pounds to Philip Casson Esqr Commissary of Caroline County & nine hundred and fifty pounds to Charles Blake Commissary of Queen Ann's County for the use of their Departments on Account.

p. 151 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Stone Esqr one hundred and seven pounds, six shillings and one penny specie and to James Disney one hundred and eighty eight pounds, fifteen shillings and ten pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Certifts settled by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Stone Esqr thirty three thousand, five hundred and eighty seven pounds of Tobacco in hhds weighing not less than nine hundred and fifty pounds net each, inspected in Charles County since the 15th day of September 1780 for so much lent by him to the State as per Accounts settled by the Aud. Genl this Day.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Alexander Trueman two Gallons of Rum and eight pounds of sugar for the mo of Augt and also to Lieut. Henry Gassaway twenty six gallons of Rum and one hundred and four pounds of sugar to the 14 Augt on Account

September 10 Ibid.

Monday 10th September 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Hanson Harrison Esquire, one hundred and twenty five pounds of the Bills

emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account. September 10 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 151

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Cross appointed an Ensign in the Maryland Line ten pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Joseph Cross Cloth and Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths & Linen for two shirts on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Thomas Sandsbury of the Plater one ration per Day until Capt. Bryan returns.

[Council to Capt. George P. Keeports.] September 10 Liber No. 78 p. 280

You will deliver to the Order of General Gist six 18th Cannon with the best Carriages you have. As we apprehend they may be much more conveniently and expeditiously repaired at Camp than Baltimore but should General Gist think otherwise, you will use your utmost Exertions in having them put in proper Repair for Service

[Council to Gen'l Gist.] Ibid.

Your Letter of the 9th respecting the Ordinance we have been honored with and have given Orders accordingly to have them immediately put in Readiness to comply with the Requisition of His Excellency the Commander in Chief. There are only four at this Post, including those left by Colo Stephens, which can be put in any tolerable Condition, the remaining six must be had from Baltimore and we have wrote to Captn Keeports to deliver that Number to your Order, and have directed him to select the best Carriages which we apprehend may be repaired with more Facility and Expedition at Camp than in Baltimore: however should you think otherwise, Mr Keeports has our Instructions to have them compleated with all possible Expedition. A Vessel should be procured by Mr Poe to carry the Guns to York and he may call at this Port for the 4 here. Captn Buchanan was furnished with an Officer and Guard and dispatched, soon after his Arrival here yesterday

Tuesday 11th September 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Muir Esqr Seventy five pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign and also to Henry King Commissary of the Maryland Troops thirty pounds of the like money on Account. September 11 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 151

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Issabell nine pounds seven shillings and ten pence and to Hannah May one pound of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due them per Accts passed by the D. Aud.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Joel Willis Twenty two pounds seven shillings and nine pence of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid due himself and George Hartshorn per Acc^{t} passed by the A. G^{l}

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Henry King a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for four shirts on Account.

September 12 Ibid.

Wednesday 12 September 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Esq^{r} thirty six pounds, two shillings and three pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit, of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Vachel Stevens Esquire Commissary of Ann Arundel County five hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^{ca} of the money appropri^{d} for the present Campaign for the use of his Department on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Sarah Rawlings, seven pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to David Weems eighty six pounds twelve shillings and three pence Specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l} the 16 July 1781.

September 13 Ibid.

Thursday 13th September 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas And^{w} Dyson, Henry H. Chapman, Malakiah Bonham, William Hanson and Samuel Hanson appointed Ensign and Alexander Smith appointed Surgeons Mate in the Maryland Line each, ten pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Peregrine Fitzhugh, thirty pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Major John Dean, four pounds eleven shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Stores in lieu of an Order of the 22^{d} May 1781 which was lost or mislaid.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Andrew Dyson, Henry H. Chapman, Malakiah Bonham, William Hanson, Samuel Hanson, Alexander Smith and Lieut. Arthur Harris, each, a suit of Cloaths and two shirts on Account. and also to Lieut. William Adams of the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Cloth and Trimmings for a waistcoat and Breeches and Linen for two shirts on Account.

That Nicholas Maccubbin Esq[r] deliver to John Bullen Esq[r] Quarter Master, all the public flour, Bran and shorts remaining in his hands. September 13 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 152

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.] September 13 Liber No. 78 p. 280

By a Letter this Moment received a Letter from His Excellency General Washington and since by Col[o] Humphrey his Aid, we are informed the Army in Virginia are now in Distress for Provisions, particularly Flour. We therefore request you will load two or three Vessels at Baltimore and send them with all possible Dispatch to Virginia of the first that can be obtained. We wish this Business to be executed without Loss of Time and if any Difficulty should occur in procuring Vessels from the Quarter Master, that you will represent the Consequences that must attend Delay. We have also written to M[r] Richardsons Deputy at George Town to forward Supplies of that Kind from thence.

[Council to Thomas Richardson Esqr.] Ibid. p. 281

By authentic Information received this Morning our Army in Virginia is now in want of Provision, particularly of the Bread Kind; we therefore most earnestly request you will procure and load all the Vessels at George Town and Bladensburg proper for transporting Provisions and immediately send them forward to the Point of Operations in Virginia. We are informed there are two Brigs at Alexandria and there are probably other Vessels that would answer the Purpose. We wish you would endeavour to engage the whole, or such Number as you can load, in this Service and we have the greater Expectations of your procuring them as General Knox promised to call upon the Merchants of that Town and represent the Necessity of their aiding this State in forwarding the Business of Transportation by Water.

[Council to Daniel Jenifer, Esqr.] September 14 Ibid.

As the Service requires the use of every Vessel in the State that can transport Baggage or Stores: we most earnestly request and hereby authorize and empower you to impress all Vessels that may be found in Patowmack fit for such Service, and for so doing, this shall be your Justification. You will dispatch such Vessels as you may impress immediately to this Place where they will receive their Instructions.

[Gov. Lee to James Calhoun Esqr.] September 15 Ibid.

The great Scarcity of Bread Provisions at the American Camp in Virginia, renders it absolutely necessary to forward Supplies of that Kind thither with the utmost Celerity. I therefore hope it will be in your Power, and in that Case, request you to put a large Quantity of Flour on Board the Vessels destined to transport the

September 15 Liber No. 78 p. 281 Troops from Baltimore to Virginia, it may be carried without Inconvenience as Ballast. This Object is of such Magnitude, I entreat your immediate Attention to it, and if you have not a Quantity belonging to the Public in your Hands, it would be well to borrow of Individuals for a short Time, if such an Expedient is practicable. There is no Council at present, but the Necessity of the Case justifies my calling upon you in this Way.

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Monday 17th September 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richd Conway one thousand and eleven pounds, eleven shillings and two pence and six hundred and fifty seven pounds, five shillings and ten pence Specie and also to Robert Powell three hundred and eighty pounds, nineteen shillings Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Certs and Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Purdy one thousand pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Charles Blake Esqr Commissary ot Queen Anns County on Account and also the further sum of seven pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Brewer fourteen pounds eighteen shillings & ten pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

p. 153 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Zephaniah Turner Esqr Twenty five pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junr three thousand, five hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be forwarded as follows, one thousand five hundred pounds to Thomas Richardson Esqr Commissary of Montgomery County one thousand pounds to Colo Thomas Price Commissary of Frederick County and one thousand pounds to Colo Moses Rawlings Commissary of Washington County on Account.

Permission given to Colo Uriah Forrest to Load two Vessels with Flesh Provisions &ca for the French Fleet in Chesepeake Bay.

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[Council to Vachel Stevens, Esqr.]

The great Demand we have for all the Cattle you have, or can collect to supply the Troops obliges us to require you to forward them with all possible Dispatch to this Place that the Troops may not be

delayed in their Embarkation. You must at all Events have sixty or seventy here on the 19th you will therefore employ what Persons are necessary to assist you in driving them here. September 17 Liber No. 78 p. 282

[Council to Charles Blake, Esqr.] Ibid.

About 2500 or 3000 French Troops will embark at this Place on Tomorrow or next Day. We have engaged to furnish the General with 200 Head of Cattle; 150 at the least to be drove down to Kent Point they must be there on the 19th and 20th ready to be delivered to the General's Order. You must not fail to have the Cattle there in Time, as the Consequence will be the detaining the Transports and disgusting the Officers. You will employ as many Persons as may be necessary to get the Cattle there at the Time appointed. If it should not be practicable to have the whole there in Time, you must collect as many as you possibly can. You are sensible this Business is of the utmost Importance and merits and we doubt not, will have your particular Attention. We have sent you by this opportunity £500. As a very laudable Spirit prevails in your County and they have manifested a Disposition to render every Aid to crown the present Operations with Success, we wish you to procure in Addition to the Number already assigned to your County, five hundred Head and have sent you a further sum of £500. You will also buy and send with the Cattle, sixty Head of good Weathers and Lambs to Kent Point for the use of the French and let us know the Price you give and the Expence of driving. When you are in Want of a further Supply of Money, inform us and you shall have it

[Council to Colo Moses Rawlings & Colo. Thomas Price.] Ibid.

We are in Want of a considerable Quantity of Whiskey and some Cyder Brandy for the Army. It is to be furnished as soon as possible; we therefore request you to procure immediately, and forward to George Town, all the Whiskey and Cyder Brandy in your County, to be delivered to Mr Richardson or his Assistant Mr Beall, for which Purpose we have sent you a Thousand Pounds and more shall be furnished if necessary. If you should meet with any Difficulty in purchasing these Articles, you must seize them and give Certificates; you will also impress Waggons, if they cannot be hired, for transporting the Whiskey and Brandy to George Town.

[Council to Thomas Richardson, Esqr., Comm'y for Montgomery County.] Ibid. p. 283

We are in Want of a considerable Quantity of Whiskey and Cyder Brandy for the Army. It is to be furnished as soon as possible, we therefore request you to procure immediately, all the Whiskey and Cyder Brandy in your County. We have sent you by Colo Blaine

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£1500, and more shall be furnished when required. If you should meet with any Difficulty in purchasing those Articles you must seize them and give Certificates. You will also impress Waggons and Carts, if they cannot be procured on Hire, to transport the Whiskey and Brandy to George Town. The Letters for the Commissaries of Frederick and Washington with the Money for each, you will send instantly by safe Expresses. The Whiskey and Brandy to be purchased by the Commissaries of Frederick and Washington is to be deposited at George Town, and will be sent to you, which you will receive and take Care of.

Ibid.

[Council to]

Your Letter of the 12th Instant we have received, wherein we observe you have in some Instances contracted for Tobacco, which Mode to us appears improper and inadmissible, and hope you will alter those Contracts into Money, and avoid it in Future. The large and pressing Demands of the Army for Provisions oblige us to request of you to have all the Cattle collected in your County, drove to George Town with all possible Dispatch, ready to be forwarded with the other Cattle. In addition to the Number of Cattle assigned to your County, we wish and desire you would purchase and collect immediately three hundred Head, to enable you to do which, we have sent you eight hundred Pounds

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Tuesday 18th September 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Bowie one hundred Pounds three Shillings Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Certificate settled by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Smoot forty one pounds fifteen shillings and five pence. Joshua Richardson three pounds, fifteen shillings and six pence, and Ensign William Morgan forty seven pounds, Seven shillings Specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" per Accounts passed by the Dep[y] Aud and Aud Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Dorsey Gough three hundred and Eighty three pounds, seven shillings and four pence, and also to Capt. John Mills four hundred and twenty three pounds, five Shillings and four pence Specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid for the use of himself and a Detachment of Militia under his Command per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l] the 17th Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Cornet Erasmus Gantt five hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &[ca] of the money appropriated for the Defence of the Bay on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Uriah Forrest eight hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Joseph Ford Commissary of S^{t} Mary's County on Acc^{t} September 18 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 153

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hann five hundred pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Christopher Edelin to be by him Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Mills five pounds five shillings of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid due him per Acc^{t} passed by the A. G^{l}

That the Commissary of Stores Deliver to Major Edward Giles a Suit of Cloaths and Linen for two Shirts on Account.

[Council to Christopher Edelen, Esqr.] September 18

We have received your Letter of the 16th and to enable you to make the Purchase of Hats and Shoes effectually enclose you five hundred Pounds, not at all doubting but that you will lay it out to the best advantage. M^{r} Shellman was here lately and agreed for a Parcel of Shoes, he had 50 Pair then ready; please to receive all he has and forward them, let him know the Hides are here. The Papers relative to Andrews and the two Graves's are also received; a Person will be appointed to receive them at Baltimore, but if no such Person appears for that Purpose, direct the Officer to march them here. Liber No. 78 p. 283

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.] Ibid.

You will grant Permission to the Rock Hall Ferry Boat to pass with the Gentlemen from the Eastern Shore, with Directions to return to this Place without Delay.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to David Craufurd Esq^{r} seven hundred and fifty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to John Smith Brookes Esq^{r} Commissary of Prince Georges County. Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 153

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wasteneys five hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the emission of Bills of Credit &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the Defence of the Bay to be delivered over to Stephen Steward on Account of the Galley and to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Edward Burgess two pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

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That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Adamson Tannehill eleven pounds, twelve shillings and three pence of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Philip Thomas Esquire two hundred and eighty three pounds, three shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid eighty six pounds, four shillings and one penny part thereof to be delivered over to Captain Daniel Smith for the use of his Company of Militia and the remaining one hundred and ninety six pounds, nineteen shillings and two pence to Captain Thomas Beatty for the use of his Company of Select Militia as per pay rolls examined and passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Charity Wilson one hundred and three pounds five shillings and six pence. Philip Thomas Seventy five pounds and eight pence, and to Nicholas Hickler three pounds, fifteen shillings Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Certificate and Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Robert Dashiell sixty pounds Tallow for the use of the Eastern shore Barges and to Captain Adamson Tannehill thirty five gallons of Rum and one hundred and sixty pounds of Sugar to the 1st Instant on Account

Permission granted to M[rs] Jane Hamilton, Miss Angel Hamilton and the Reverend M[r] William Thompson of Cecil County to apply to His Excellency General Washington or the Commanding Officer at the Out Posts of the American Army for his Licence to go into the City of New York and to return. And also to M[rs] Elizabeth Gordon to have an Interview with her Husband at Elizabeth Town and also to take with her two Children which the said Husband intends taking with him to Scotland.

It appearing to this Board that Allemby Millington is an Inhabitant of Talbot County and that he has stood his draught in that County and that the said Millington was draughted as an Inhabitant of Caroline County to serve till the 10th of December next the said Allemby Millington is hereby discharged from the said Draught in Caroline County.

p. 155 Commissions issued to Samuel Chew, John Bond, Richard Parran, Edw[d] Johnson, William Ireland, Walter Smith, Daniel Rawlings Jun[r] Isaac Clare, James Heighe & Samuel Lane appointed Justices of the Peace and Samuel Chew, Richard Parran Edward Johnson, Walter Smith & James Heighe Judge of the Orphans Court of Calvert County

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[Council to His Excellency Gen'l Washington.]

Your Excellency's Address of the 15th is this Moment presented to us. We are truly happy to be informed that the Count de Grasse is returned to his Station and that our Vessels may pass down the

Bay without Hazard. We feel your Excellency's Distress from an apprehension that your operations may cease or be impeded for want of Provisions and the more so because we can't instantly furnish you. In Consequence of your Requisition, we directed our Commissaries to collect all the Public Flour and deposit it at convenient Places on navigable Water; since which M^r^ Calhoun the Commissary for the Western Shore has informed us that 1185 Barrels are at George Town, and the public wheat in Washington and Frederick Counties now manufacturing and transporting to that Post, will, we are satisfied, afford from fifteen hundred to two thousand Barrels more. There are at Baltimore Town about four hundred and fifty Barrels and at the Head of Elk three hundred Barrels which last Quantity must be greatly augmented in a short Time unless the French Purchasers (who have hard Money to procure what they want) interfere with our Measures and render them inefficacious. If that Event should happen, we shall be constrained to resort to Seizure which will procrastinate our further Supplies and from its Odiousness ought if possible to be avoided. All the Vessels belonging to the State being impressed and now employed in transporting the Troops to the Point of Destination puts it out of our Power to forward the Flour immediately, as soon as they return we shall order them on that Service. The Number of Beeves we engaged to furnish, your Excellency may depend on, and we will have them driven to such Places within this State as you may point out. We apprehend those on the Eastern Shore must be sent by Water, however you will be pleased to determine and give Directions. Your Excellency may rely on our making every possible Exertion to supply you with every Thing in this State that you may want, but we wish you would not depend on us entirely for Axes, Hatchets and entrenching Tools. The Credit of our new Money, our only Medium, has been greatly wounded and the Circulation in some Measure stopt, since the French Contractors have been in the State, who have parted with their Specie with great Liberality, and we expect for some Time to meet with Difficulties in obtaining what is required

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Thursday 20^th^ September 1781.

September 20

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Doct^r^ Henry Schnebely sixty nine pounds nine Shillings and three pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Account passed by the Aud^r^ Gen^l^ the 19^th^ Instant.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Chirstopher Orendorff fifteen pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^ca^ of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for Stores on Account.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Richard Anderson of the 4th Regiment nine pounds, nineteen shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John D. Carey and Thomas Beatty Junr appointed Ensigns in the Maryland Line each ten pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doctr Henry Schnebely thirty eight pounds two shillings and Seven pence of the same Emission of the Money appropriated for the Defence of the State to be delivered over to Henry Yost per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Reed three hundred and seventy five pounds of the same Emission of the money afd on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Christr Orendorff six Gallons of Rum and twenty four pounds of sugar and also to Capt. Richard Anderson thirty five and an half gallons of Rum and ninety three pounds of sugar to the 1st Instant on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John D. Carey and Thomas Beatty Junr each, a suit of Cloaths & Linen for two shirts on Acct

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[Council to Colo. Thomas Price & Colo Moses Rawlings.]

General Washington writes in the most urgent Manner to hasten to him without a Moments Delay all the Flour that can possibly be procured, as his Army is in a Manner Starving for want of Bread. Under such repeated and pressing Necessity we earnestly request you to exert yourself and employ others and impress if necessary whatever Waggons Teams and Drivers you will want to send to George Town all the Flour you can possibly procure, and without a Moment's Loss of Time, We rely on your Zeal and Industry at this most important Juncture.

Ibid. p. 285

[Council to Colo. Philip Thomas.]

Messrs Jacob Shelman, Adam Boyer and Matthias Bochie having offered to contract with the State to receive dry Hides at 8d pr Pound and green Hides at 4d pr Pound with an Allowance of 6d for the Carriage of each Hide from Annapolis and one Shilling for each Hide from Fredericksburg and to deliver good substantial Shoes at 9/ a pair and any Sort of Leather at the Prices it sold for in Frederick Town; we therefore request the Favor of you to take the Memorandums of their offers and fix the Agreement with them. The state will constantly want shoes and we desire to extend the Quantity beyond the Value of the Hides, as far at least as one thousand Pair. From your Representation a Quantity of Leather will be wanted to finish the Saddles, you will therefore procure from those Tanners, as much Saddle Leather as will answer that Purpose; but if you

can relinquish the Contract with Propriety, we wish you to do it, as the 50 Saddles already received will be sufficient for our Purpose. September 20 Liber No. 78 p. 285

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col° Uriah Forrest sixty five pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State in part of his Salary as Commissioner on Account. Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 155

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shanks Twenty one pounds one shilling and nine pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] 17 Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Rezin Davis thirty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Capt. Rezin Davis a suit of Cloaths and Linen for two Shirts on account.

[Council to Governor Nelson of Virginia.] September 21

We are honored with your Excellency's Letter of the 15th Instant and shall feel ourselves happy in rendering every Assistance in our Power to the Army in Virginia; but from the distressed Situation of our Commerce the Article of Salt has become very scarce within this State and we fear, is not procurable in any short Time. We have given Directions to forward all the Flour that can possibly be collected, without Delay; upwards of 2000 Barrels are ready and Part thereof shipped, the Residue will be forwarded with all Expedition Liber No. 78 p. 285

[Governor Lee to Governor Nelson of Virginia.] Ibid. Friday noon

This Moment, Major General the Baron Viomeniel completed the Embarkation of the French Troops under his Command, destined for Head Quarters in Virginia; Part of their Baggage only goes by Water, the Remainder is sent off by Land. Apprehensive of Danger from the Enemy after the Waggons pass Fredericksburg, the Baron desired me to solicit your Excellency to afford Guards of Militia for its Protection from thence to Williamsburg. The Baggage will be at Fredericksburg about the 26th of this Month, and at Head Quarters, if no Accident happens, the first of next.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson jun[r] twenty five pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 155

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Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money approp[d] for the Defence of the State on Account.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Kilty Esq[r] Five pounds five shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign one pound ten shillings part thereof to be delivered over to William Kilty Surgeon of the 5th Regiment and three pounds fifteen shillings to John Kilty Lieut of the 3[d] Regiment Light Dragoons for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Rosanna Matthews twenty shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due her per Acc[t] passed by A. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Purdy sixteen pounds nineteen shillings and four pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Carr, two pounds seventeen shillings and ten pence of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to William Kilty sur[n] of the 5 Regiment four Gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of sugar to the 1st of June and to Lieut John Kilty of the 3[d] Regim[t] L. Dragoons ten gallons of Rum and forty pounds of sugar to the 1st Sept[r] on Account

Passport and safe Conduct granted to John Spear of Baltimore agreeable to a Resolution of Congress of the 14th August last, to navigate the Vessel called the Experiment Commanded by Matthew Traverse from the Island of S[t] Martins laden only with a Cargo of Salt.

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[Council to Mr David Poe.]

You are hereby authorized and directed to impress as many Vessels as are necessary to transport Flour and Salt to Head Quarters in Virginia and Waggons to transport the Public Salt to Baltimore Town. Both Flour and Salt are much wanted by the Army and we request you to lose no Time in forwarding every Barrel of Flour you can procure; you will supply to M[r] Calhoun to turn over all in his Possession

Ibid. p. 286

[Council to Donaldson Yeates, Esqr.]

By Letters received from His Excellency General Washington, we are assured the Army in Virginia suffers for the want of Flour, we have given Directions to M[r] Hollingsworth to turn over all the State Flour in his Possession to you which you will forward to the Army in Virginia without Loss of Time. As it may be difficult to obtain Vessels by Hire for the Purpose of Transportation, and to prevent Delay we hereby authorize and empower you to impress as many

Vessels as are necessary to transport the public Flour to Head Quarters in Virginia. September 22 Liber No. 78 p. 286

[Council to Colo Henry Hollingsworth.] Ibid.

We request you to collect every Barrel of Flour you can, and have it turned over to the Quartermaster at Elk, to be immediately forwarded to the Army in Virginia, where it is much wanted. For the Purpose of transporting the Flour, we hereby authorize and empower you to impress as many Vessels as are necessary. You will inform us of the Quantity of Flour you turn over to the Continental Officer and of your future Prospects in collecting that Article.

[Governor Lee to President of the Special Council.] Ibid.

I have the Honor of your Letter of the 11th Sept^{r} which shall be laid before the Council when a Sufficient Number of Members are assembled to compose a Board, at present that is not the Case; in the Mean Time, permit me to return you Thanks on their Behalf for the Aid you are pleased to afford us in carrying into Execution the Measures necessary at this interesting Period. The Council are also under great Obligations for your Attention in providing Vessels to transport the Troops now at Baltimore, with their Baggage &^{ca} to the Point of intended operations in Virginia. Capt. Walleys Services will be very acceptable in the Removal of the Troops and the strength of the Protector Galley will give Security against the Enemy's small armed Vessels. The Enclosure will demonstrate the absolute Necessity of the most immediate Exertions being made by this State to forward large Supplies of Provision to the Army in Virginia, more especially those of the Bread Kind, and I am persuaded it is not necessary for me to add any Thing to the General's Requisitions, to induce your Honorable Board to strain every Nerve to obviate the Consequences which will attend Delay.

[Governor Lee to Thomas Richardson, Esqr., Com'y for Montgomery County.] Ibid.

The March of the French Troops by Land to Virginia affords a very favorable Opportunity of forwarding the Cattle you have at your Post to Head Quarters, where, I am informed by his Excellency the Commander in Chief, they are much wanted. I beg you will apply to Major General the Baron Viomeniel commanding the Troops, to be so obliging as to direct his Officer commanding the Bullock Guard, to take under his Care, the Cattle you may have on Hand. From M^{r} Calhoun's Letter of this Date, there are Hopes that you have your Stock of Flour considerably augmented by the Exertions of the p. 287
Deputy Commissaries of Frederick and Washington Counties which by your last Returns he says were 1185 Barrels. I beg you will make

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every Effort to draw to the Post at George Town, the full Compliment of Cattle required from you, and that you will with the utmost Expedition have the public Wheat in the Mills in your County manufactured and prepared for shipping as one of the Transports of his most Christian Majesty's Fleet, now lying off this Harbour will be sent for all you have

Ibid.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

From the pressing Demands for Supplies for the Army and our Anxiety to have them collected and forwarded without Delay, we are induced to request you will make a Tour through your District and urge the several Commissaries to an immediate Compliance with our several Requisitions relative to Provisions and to have them at the Places pointed out as soon as possible. We expect a considerable Quantity of Flour from Frederick and Washington Counties which is to be transported to George Town, where Vessels will be provided to convey it to the Army in Virginia. The Beef from those Counties must be driven to Fredericksburg, where the Continental Commissary will receive it and pay the Expence of driving. The first object of your Attention ought to be Flour, which is more immediately wanting and therefore it would be well to go to Frederick and Washington Counties first. You will give Directions to the several County Commissaries to purchase good Flour not exceeding 16/8 ℔ Cent payable in the late Emission, or to procure by Loan immediately a Quantity of Wheat or Flour payable in Kind, as soon as collected by Taxes, for which Certificates are to be granted bearing an Interest of 8 ℔ Cent. until paid, if the Lenders require it. You are also impowered to grant impress warrants to the several County Commissaries to impress Waggons and Teams and Vessels for the Purpose of transporting all the Flour collected to the Army in Virginia.

September 24

Monday 24th September 1781.

Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 156

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Welch Twenty two pounds, four Shillings and six pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green four hundred and eighty pounds, nineteen shillings and Six pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Account passed by the Aud. Genl the 13 Augt last.

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[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth.]

We request you will immediately make a Tour through the respective Counties of your Shore, and have the several Requisitions of

this Board for supplying the Army, put in Execution, and that you make us a Return of the Quantity of Flour and other Articles of Provision the County Commissaries have a Certainty of procuring. As the Demands of the Army are very pressing, we wish every possible Exertion and Dispatch may be made. The Flour must be collected at the most convenient Places on navigable Water and shipped as soon as Craft can be procured, for our Army in Virginia, You will give Directions to the several County Commissaries to purchase good Flour, not exceeding 16/8 ℔ Cent payable in the late Emission, or to procure by Loan immediately a Quantity of Wheat or Flour payable in Kind, as soon as collected by Taxes for which Certificates are to be given bearing an Interest of 8 ℔ Cent until paid, if the Lenders require it. You are also empowered to grant impress Warrants to the several County Commissaries to impress Waggons, Teams and Vessels for the Purpose of Transporting all the Flour collected, to the Army in Virginia.

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[Council to Doct'r Ephraim Howard.]

Ibid.
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We have received your Letter of the present Date offering Spades, Pick Axes and other Tools for intrenching. As soon as this gets to Hand be pleased to send down a Waggon with what Number you have of all Parts already made and we wish you to continue making of Axes, Hatchets and intrenching Tools of all Kinds, we will take all you have or can procure within 14 Days from this Time, send your Account and the Charges of Waggonage, and the Money shall be paid to your Order; your patriotic Exertions in this Business will be very agreeable and of singular Service

[Council to President of the Special Council.]

Ibid.

We have received a Letter from His Excellency General Washington and another from General Lincoln of such great Importance and pressing Necessity that we think the Common Good requires us immediately to transmit Copies of them to your Honorable Board and to solicit your utmost Aid and attention to procure and forward the supplies which the Army appears so greatly to want Letters of Requisition in the strongest Terms have been written to the Commissaries General of both Shores to collect the public Flour and Wheat, and to grind up the wheat without a Moments Loss of Time; but we are very apprehensive that those Collections will prove too slow and too small to answer the great Purposes necessary for the immediate support of the Army. We have nothing to depend on to purchase with but the Money of the last Emission, but have strong Hopes that very considerable Quantities of wheat and Flour may be procured from generous and public Spirited Individuals on Loan, to be repaid in Kind and with Interest if desired, out of the public Taxes, in a few Months. The high opinion we entertain of the Opulence

September 24 Liber No. 78 p. 288 and good Disposition of great Numbers of Gentlemen on the Eastern Shore, and the entire Reliance we have on the Efficacy of your Exertions and Applications, induce us to recommend this Business (the immediate Supply of Flour for the Continental Army) to your most serious Consideration, and we flatter ourselves, the Measures you adopt, whether by Purchase, by Loan or otherwise will be most effectual to answer the present Exigency. If wheat and Flour are purchased, Money shall be transmitted for immediate Payment and Certificates may be granted for all Loans bearing an Interest of 8 ℔ Cent to be paid in Kind, and we think if Vessel can be procured in your Rivers, the Flour, as fast as it can be collected in proper Quantities, should be sent to the Army in Virginia.

September 25 Ibid.

[Council to Capt George P. Keeports.]

We request you to forward immediately all the Cloathing and Blankets in your Possession, to this Place

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Wednesday 26th September 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Colº Thomas Woolford of the 5th Regimt nine pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Yieldhall eleven pounds, six shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Horatio Clagett Twenty pounds & six pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to William Clagett on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Lt John Kilty fifteen pounds Specie part of the 4000£ apprpd for the Officers going to the Southward on account

p. 157 Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Colº Thomas Woolford twenty four gallons of Rum and ninety six pounds of Sugar to the 1st Instant and also to Elizabeth Murphy a soldiers wife of the 2d Maryland Regiment one ration per Day until further orders.

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[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

In Addition to our Letter of yesterday we have to request you will direct all the County Commissaries within your District, to forward the Beef Cattle to George Town on Patowmack, except those from Washington and Frederick, which are to be sent to Fredericksburg in Virginia. We flatter ourselves you will use every Endeavour to collect and forward the Supplies to the Army in Virginia, without Delay.

[Council to Thomas Harwood Esqr., Sheriff of Ann Arundel County.]

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It is represented to this Board, by the Petition of Elisha Hopkins, that he was fined by a Court Martial fifty Pounds for non attendance as a Militia Man, at a Time that his Family was extremely ill, and that you have executed Tobacco and other Effects to that Value and advertised them for Sale He is desirous of petitioning the Assembly for p. 289 Redress and Mitigation of the Fine, which appears excessive. We have in similar Cases requested the Sheriffe to suspend the Sale of the Effects until the Assembly can be applied to and as the Assembly will meet in a short Time we think you can have an Opportunity of petitioning for Relief.

[Council to John Bullen Esqr.]

Ibid.

You are required to provide proper Quarters for the Maryland Officers now in this City and to furnish them with Fuel and other Necessaries that they may be entitled to from your Department.

[Council to Captain Parker]

Ibid.

You are to proceed down the Bay to the Army in Virginia without Delay, and deliver the Provision to the Commissary General or his Deputy and the other Articles taken out of the Schooner to the Commanding Officer of the French Troops or some other French Officer authorized to receive them; they belong to the Division of the French Troops commanded by Baron Viomeniel. You will take proper Receipts for the Delivery, which are to be lodged with this Board.

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September 27
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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen seventy pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account and also to Captain James Buchanan four pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid his expences in carrying Dispatches from his Excellency Genl Washington to the French fleet.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Thomas Woolford twenty five pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Zedekiah Walley one hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State to be delivered over to the E. Shore Treasr on Acct

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Isaac Curtis one Barrel Flour for the use of the Select Militia of Somerset County who brought up the State Barge from Salisbury.

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[Council to Governor Nelson of Virginia.]

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We beg Leave to request the Attention of your Excellency to the Cases of John Laney, John Clabaugh and William Wilson, Subjects of this State who have had their Waggons and Teams impressed for the Service of Virginia by the Quartermaster of that State. We are solicited to interfere in their Favor, and when your Excellency adverts to the Particular Situation of the Citizens of this State, who have, on every Occasion which called for public Exertions, yielded Services of every Kind, and particularly in this way we flatter ourselves you will give Directions for the immediate Discharge of the Waggons, Teams &ca as enumerated in the Certificates herewith sent

September 28

Friday 28th September 1781

Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 157

John Mills a Draught from St Marys County, having made it appear to this Board by his Oath and Certificates from several Militia Officers in St Marys County that he was enrolled in the Select Militia of said County before the Draught for raising two Battalions took place in the said County. He is hereby Discharged as not being liable to be Draughted.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Carter of the Maryland Artillery one Coat, two shirts, one pair Woollen overalls one pair shoes, one pair Stockings, one Stock & one Blanket for the year 1780

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain William Bruce of the 5th Regimt eighteen pounds, three shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for provision per Account passed by the Aud. Genl & to be charged to the Continent.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Dowson Seventeen pounds, fourteen shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Clothing purchased of Dowson and Cowman per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Horatio Clagett sixteen pounds, fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for retained rations per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl & to be charged to the Continent.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Woolfe two hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission of the Money aforesaid to be delivered over to Pat Sim Smith Comy of Calvert County on Account and also to the said Woolfe fifteen pounds of the same Emn of the money appropriated for the payment of Expresses &ca per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

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Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to William Barrick nine Days rations to enable him to return to Frederick with two men.

[Council to Patrick Sim Smith, Esqr.]

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We have yours of yesterday and request you will forward the Cattle to George Town without Loss of Time. By the Post, we send you £250 of the late Emission to accellerate your Business

Saturday 29th September 1781

September 29
Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 158

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Frederick Green four pounds ten shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him for Postage of Letters to the 5th July last.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Biggs one hundred and forty six pounds seventeen shillings and eight pence farthing of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for the use of Clark and Biggs due them per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Adams of the 2d Regiment one pound ten shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Adam Bayor, all the raw Hides belonging to the public agreeable to the Agreement entered into by Philip Thomas Esqr in behalf of this State. Thomas Rogers provisions for four men 3 Days in Waggoning Stores to George Town. Lieut William Adams four gallons of Rum and sixteen pounds of sugar to the 1st of Octr and also to Maria Terrese wife of Lewis Terresi of Genl Rochambea's Army two Days rations.

That the Quarter Master deliver to Thomas Rogers three Days Forage for sixteen Horses to George Town.

Daniel Brown a Substitute from Cecil County appearing to be an indented Servant to Thomas L. Burling of Baltimore County from an Indenture produced to the Board dated 29th April 1779 by which for a valuable Consideration the said Daniel Brown engages to the said T. J. Burling for the term of three years, is therefore discharged and ordered to return into the service of the said Burling.

Permission is hereby given to Miss Mary V. Courtlandt to accompany Mrs Hughes, who obtained a Conditional permission from this Board, to go into the City of New York and to return.

[Council Circular to The Collectors of Horses.]

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We request you to send all the Horses you have collected and not delivered immediately to this Place and have them delivered to John Bullen Esqr You will give particular Directions to have the Horses well taken Care of on the Road.

September 29 [Council to the Commissioners of the Tax for Ann Arundel County.]

Liber No. 78 p. 290 We have just reecived Information that the Wheat lodged in M^r^ Thomas Tillard's Mill, is in a great Measure destroyed, and that what Flour has been manufactured in that Mill is so damaged as to render it unfit for any Kind of Service; and the Wheat for the present Tax, is now collecting and mixed with the old. Should this be the Case, the State will be materially injured and the supply wanted for the Army, not adequate to Expectations. We have thought proper to give you this Information that you may take Measures for its Removal, or remedy the Inconveniencies attending it in its present situation.

Ibid. [Council to Vachel Stevens, Esqr.]

The Cattle in M^r^ Carroll's Pasture we are informed, are in the utmost Distress without Water or Grass, and unless removed, must inevitably perish. You are therefore requested to remove them to George Town; if not in your Power to do it immediately you will order them to some Place that can furnish them with Water and Grass Sufficient to support them 'til sent on

October 1 Monday 1^st^ October 1781

Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 158 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Boyle and Mackubin thirty pounds eleven Shillings and three pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^ca^ of the money approp^d^ for the present Campaign due them per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^l^

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Ibid. Ordered that M^r^ Shaw deliver to Capt. Stevens the entrenching Tools lately received of Doct^r^ E. Howard taking Capt. Stevens rec^t^ therefor

That the western shore Treasurer pay to George Adams one thousand five hundred pounds of the Bills of Credit emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^ca^ of the money approp^d^ for the present Campaign to be delivered over to the Special Council on Account.

p. 159 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Denny two hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^ca^ of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be expended in the Recruiting Service on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gassaway of the 2^d^ Reg^t^ thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Greenbury Ridgely six pounds fifteen shillings Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] 1 Instant. October 2 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 159

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Solomon Turner late a Soldier in the 5[th] Regiment one Coat, one waistcoat, one shirt, one pair of Shoes, one pair of Stockings and one Blanket due him for the year 1780.

[Council to President of the Special Council.] October 2 Liber No. 78 p. 290

We are favored with your Letters of the 28[th] and 29[th] of September and are much obliged to you for your useful and friendly Communications, which we request a Continuance of. We have just heard that General Washington is still in want of Provisions, that he has about 15000 Men in his Camp and that an Effort is to be immediately [made] to land a Body of Troops in York River within a few Miles of the Town. Every Thing conspires to animate us to every Exertion for his Support that is possible, and we entirely agree with you in opinion that no Circumstance should be omitted on this important Occasion. We send you according to your Request, 1500£ on Account, and herewith several Letters to the Collectors of Horses, which we request the Favor of you to forward; Horses are and will be greatly wanted. We hear that M[r] Paca is in Town, with whom we promise ourselves a Conference on Affairs relative to the public Welfare. Your Letter to M[r] Carroll is forwarded by Express, and when his Answer arrives it shall be sent immediately.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.] Ibid.

The Supply of Flour at this Place being very nearly exhausted, we must request you will send as much as M[r] Pitt's Boat will bring.

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On the Representation of John Muir who was Draughted in Dorchester County to serve till the 10[th] Day of December next, that he is rendered unfit for Military Duty by a Wound in his Leg, the Certificate of Doct[r] James Murray who examined the wound and the concuring Testimony of several Gentlemen of Dorchester County. It appears to this Board that the said John Muir is unfit for the service he is called on to perform and he is therefore hereby Discharged from the said Draught.

Passport and Safe Conduct granted to John Muir of Annapolis agreeable to a Resolution of Congress of the 14[th] August last to navigate the Vessel called the Swallow commanded by from the Island of S[t] Martins laden only, with a Cargo of Salt.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt William Dent Beall sixteen pounds, fifteen shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac McHard twenty two pounds, ten Shillings and five pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Bagues of the Maryl[d] Artillery thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Jack three hundred and ninety one pounds, eleven shillings and eight pence of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid due him on two orders drawn by Major General Greene one Dated 2[d] of December 1780 for thirty eight thousand one hundred and eleven Dollars and thirty four ninetieths of a Dollar the other Dated 6[th] March 1781 for eighty thousand Seven hundred Dollars liquidated by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Brewer twenty three pounds seven shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the Money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Auditor General.

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[Council to General Smallwood.]

A Vessel loaded with Flour for the Army below, is on Shore at Thomas's Point and if not immediately got off, the Vessel will be lost or the Flour must be thrown over board. We shall be much obliged to you to send a sufficient Number of Men in the public Barge now lying in the Dock, to man her and to assist in getting off the Vessel. You will be so obliging as to direct the officer you may send, to apply to M[r] Shaw for the Oars &ca belonging to the Barge. An Officer and twenty four Men, we think will be sufficient, if any Seamen to be preferred.

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[Council to General Washington.]

In Consequence of your Excellency's Requisition of the 15[th] of September, the Executive of this State contracted for a Quantity of entrenching Tools, and yesterday sent under the Care of Cap[t] Stephens 107 Shovells, 40 Spades, 54 Pick Axes, with a Parcel of Augers and other Tools, and there is a good Prospect of forwarding in a very little Time, a much larger Number with some Dozens of Axes and Hatchets. It is very desirable to know as soon as possible where the Cattle collected on the Eastern Shore shall be sent to, and whether the Commissary General of Purchases has determined to have them slaughtered and salted in Bulk for the Conveniency of Transportation, or, if practicable to take them by Water alive, what

Place or Places he will point out to have them collected at. It is very probable there may be many empty flour Barrels entirely useless at Camp, if Col° Stewart will direct such to be sent by the Vessels returning to this State, it may be a Means of facilitating our Efforts to supply your Excellency with Flour and will tend greatly to accelerate the Removal of it to Head Quarters

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Stone Esquire two hundred and thirty eight pounds ten shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Thomas H. Ridgate per account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Henry Clements five pounds, five shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Ransom twenty shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due her per account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Henry Maccubbin six pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Lieut Henry Clements six Gallons of Rum and twenty four pounds of Sugar to the first Instant.

That John Bullen Esq[r] deliver to Col° Woolford a Horse such as will not answer for a Light Dragoon.

Friday 5th October 1781.

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Ibid.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Mary Ghiselin four hundred and eighteen pounds, eight shillings and five pence William Lyles one hundred and twenty nine pounds, ten shillings & to Benjamin Rumsey three hundred and twenty two pounds eighteen Shillings and six pence Specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from the State" per Accounts & Certificates passed by the A. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct[r] James Murray fifty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be expended in purchasing Wine & other necessaries for the use of the Hospital on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Bullen Esq[r] Sixteen Blankets and Linen for 14 Beds for the use of the sick Soldiers in the Hospital.

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Saturday 6th October 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Joshua Bowen thirty pounds fifteen shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign, nine pounds part thereof to be by him retained and the Balance to be delivered over as follows six pounds fifteen shillings to Colo Darby Lux, six pounds to James Govane, three pounds to Solomon Bowen three pounds to Jacob Young and three pounds to John Riely due them per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Burton Twenty shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due her per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Whereas Negroe Joe the property of John Eden of St. Marys County captured in the Jack O'th Lanthorn by Capt Folger in the Antelope was delivered to the said John Eden upon his agreeing to restore him on the order of the Governor and Council or to pay the customary Salvage whenever called on by the Governor and Council And whereas the said Negroe Joe hath been lately condemned by the Court of Admiralty in this State as a legal Prize therefore Ordered that the said John Eden deliver up the said Negroe Joe into the possession of the Marshall of the said Court of Admiralty or his Deputy

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[Council to Colo. John Fitzgerald.]

We have on your Requisition (contrary to our usual Custom, and this Act of Assembly which requires the Description of the Persons of the Captain and the next commanding Officer of any Vessel obtaining a Commission of Letter of Marque, to be endorsed on the Commission) enclosed you a Bond, Commission and Instructions, which Bond we request you will see executed and transmit to us as soon as may be. The Gentleman who applies for the Commission, says he is acquainted with the Persons of the Officers, we shall therefore depend on his Description.

Ibid.

[Council to Delegates from Maryland in Congress.]

We have had frequent applications from the Friends of Capt. William Middleton, who was taken in the State Boat Dolphin, to obtain his Release, also from Capt. Weems and others for the Release of William Williamson, Chief Mate of the Porpoise, who was taken in the River Delaware in July or August 1781 by some Barges, with a Sloop carrying Part of the Cargo saved out of the Wreck of the Porpoise at the Capes of Delaware; James Hewston 2d Mate of the Porpoise, Prize Master on Board a Schooner Packet, taken off Delaware about the 1st July 1781. Hezekiah Orme, a foremast Man taken at the same Time with Hewston, Daniel Campbell an Inhabitant of

Annapolis, Chief Mate of a Vessel from Delaware, now a Prisoner on Parole on Long Island, taken in June or July 1781 And in Order to effect an Exchange of those Men, we enclose a Copy of the Parole of a Captain Penny, who was intended to be exchanged for Middleton, also the Paroles of Capt John Forsythe, John Newly Chief Mate, Ranold Biton and Peter Maines foremast Men taken by Capt^{n} Weems of the Porpoise on Board the Snow Little John bound from S^{t} Christophers to new Providence. You will be so obliging as to consult with the Commissary of Prisoners on the most effectual Means of procuring the Release of Middleton and those others mentioned, which will render very essential Service to them & their Friends and greatly oblige

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[Council to John Bullen Esqr.]

Ibid.
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There is a Quantity of public Flour at Waters's Mill at the Head of Magothy River You will please to take the most effectual Measures to have it brought here without Delay by impressing a Boat for the Purpose of bringing it by Water or having it brought in Waggons by Land

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Verdin one hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Daniel Jenifer Esq^{r} on Account.

Commission issued to John Maschatt appointed Register of Wills for Charles County in the room of Dan^{l} Jenifer resigned.

[Council to Daniel Jenifer, Esqr.]

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Your Letter by Verdin relative to the Horses we have received. Your Proposition concerning a little Bay Horse, we cannot possibly comply with as Capt Jordan has taken him for the use of Lee's Legion, which he says will answer, tho' not fully the Services of a Dragoon Horse. We have enclosed you the Commission for the Register of Wills, and have sent you one hundred Pounds by M^{r} Verdin

[Council to Colo. Philip Thomas.]

Ibid.

Enclosed you have a Bond which we shall be obliged to you to see executed by Samuel Gerrock, who was sent to Frederick County Goal on suspicion of trading with the Enemy, and have also enclosed a blank Discharge for him, on his executing the Bond, the Blanks you will fill up, and transmit the Bond by the first safe Conveyance. If Gerrock has been removed to Fort Frederick, please to enclose the Bond with the Discharge to Col^{o} Rawlings with the above Directions. Yours of the 25th Sept^{r} and 3^{d} Instant are reecived. We have ordered

October 8 Liber No. 78 p. 292 all the public Horses to be immediately sent to this Place, so that we cannot comply with your Requisition for the two at Frederick. We are sorry it is not in our Power to provide for Capt. Luckett, having determined not to mount any Horse

Ibid. [Council to Thomas Yates, Esqr.]

As more than ten Days have expired Since the last Sale of the Lots on Whetstone Point, we apprehend a considerable sum of Hard Money has been deposited in your Hands, and being much in Want of it for the Officers and Soldiers, we request you would be so obliging as to have it sent to the Treasurer immediately. We should have wrote to Col° Ramsay on this Subject, but are informed he is gone to Philadelphia

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Nathan Hammond five pounds, eight shillings and four pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Crist one hundred and forty two pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] and also sixteen pounds, eight shillings and six pence to be delivered over to Capt. Charles Baltzel in Lieu of an order of the 19th September 1780.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Nicholas Ruxton Moore four hundred and sixty four pounds, seven shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for the use of his Troop of light Horse due them for their Services when ordered to George Town and Virginia per pay rolls examined and passed by the A. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander Clagett Esq[r] sixty pounds one shilling and four pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Henry Shryock per Account passed by the Aud[r] Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Esq[r] one hundred and twenty five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Blaine Seventy five pounds Specie to be deliv[d] over to James Calhoun Esq[r] to enable him to purchase Flour Barrells &ca on Acc[t]

p. 162 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Jordan of Col° Lees Legion twenty four pounds specie part of the 4000£ appropriated for the Officers going to the Southward, nine pounds, part thereof to be by him returned and the remaining fifteen pounds to be delivered over to Major John Rudulph on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to four British Prisoners taken by the French in Chesepeake Bay three Days Provisions. October 9 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 162

[Council to General Washington.] October 9 Liber No. 78

Col° Blaine called upon us this Day on his Way to Elk. You may rest assured that nothing within the Compass of our Power shall be omitted to obtain and hasten to your Excellency Supplies of every Kind. We have the Pleasure to send 500 Barrels of Flour by Capt. Handy in the Schooner Dragon, also 48 pick Axes, 50 axes, 50 Spades and 140 Shovels p. 292

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.] Ibid.

Col° Blaine desires to have a good Boat of about twenty Tons, impressed, to go to Corsica to take in a Quantity of Beef to carry to the Army; We request therefore that you will impress such an one, or two, if one is not large enough

[Council to Doct^r^ Ephraim Howard.] Ibid.

We are favored with your Letter of yesterday with the entrenching Tools mentioned and desire you to continue making to the 20^th^ Instant particularly more axes and some Hatchets. It appears to us that the Spades and Shovels are of a Size too small and that the Pick Axes, at one End, should be 4 Inches in Breadth. The Eye of the Axes are also too small, not being capable of admitting a Helve of sufficient size & strength.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr. & same to Colo Henry Hollingsworth, except the P. S.] Ibid. p. 293

We are just informed by Col° Blaine that our Army must in a very short Time suffer for Bread Provision unless great Exertions are immediately made by this State to procure and forward 3000 Barrels, we therefore in the most strenuous and earnest Manner repeat our Order that you instantly use your utmost Endeavours to have collected and deposited at the Places heretofore assigned, all the public Flour within your District and that you give the most unremitting attention to this Business, until it is accomplished. If it should be impracticable to collect and deposit the above Quantity out of the public Flour immediately, we request you to make every Effort to borrow what may be deficient and to assure the Owners it shall be replaced out of the public Flour of the like Quality. We shall not permit any Flour to be exported out of the State, until our Army is amply supplied, nor will General Washington suffer any Vessel to go to Sea with that Article while the Army is in Want.

P. S. As it may be difficult for you to procure Flour Barrels immediately, for the Money of the last Emission, without a Portion of

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Specie to mix with it, we have sent you 75£ to be appropriated solely to that Purpose, and depend on your paying it away with an equal Quantity of Paper.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieutenant Roger Nelson twelve pounds seventeen shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to David Stewart thirty five pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Colo Edward Gaither on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Joseph Chapline one hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for the use of his Company of Select Militia on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Esqr eight pounds, eight shillings and ten pence of the same Emission, of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State to be delivered over as follows, five pounds one shilling and six pence to Elizabeth Aulden and three pounds seven shillings and four pence to James Colston, Henry Colston and Jeremiah Banning due them per Accts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Sandsbury of the State Boat plater six pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesd on Account.

Warrant issued, directed to John Merridith to impress one or both the Kent Island Ferry Boats for the purpose of transporting the public Horses collected in Queen Anns County hither.

Permission is hereby given to Richard Lloyd Esqr to bring from New York the House-hold furniture and other goods mentioned in a List hereto annexed. 8 beds with blankets Coverlets & Pillows. 8 Matresses. 1Tent bedstead one Cott, 1 Night Stool, 3 Setts of bed Curtains. 2 Small boxes containing Millenery belonging to Mrs Lloyd, he having made Affidavit, that the same are his own Property and that he will not dispose of them in the way of Trade or Merchandize.

By a Letter received this Day from the Judges of the General Court representing that the Sheriffs Jurymen and other persons attending the General Court would be obliged to return Home, and thereby break up the Court unless they could be accommodated for the money of the last Emission which must enevitably obstruct the
p. 163 Circulation thereof throughout the State and make it impracticable in future for this Board to procure those Supplies so essentially necessary to give Efficacy to the operations of the present Campaign

The Board therefore engages to furnish the Tavern keepers and persons who take in Lodgers with Beef and Flour at the Current Specie price in this City for all the money of the last Emission which they shall respectively receive from the Jurymen Sheriffs Witnesses and others necessarily attending the General Court for their Accommodation and Entertainment. October 10 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 163

[Council to The Judges of the General Court.] October 10 Liber No. 78 p. 293

We are honored with your Letter of this Day, communicating the Representation of the Sheriffs, Jurymen and other Persons attending the General Court. We are sensible of the distressed Situation of those Persons, and concur with you in Opinion, if the General Court should be constrained to adjourn, because the Jurymen, Sheriffs and others necessarily attending the Court, cannot be accommodated for the Money of the last Emission, the Circulation of that Currency must be totally obstructed throughout the State, as soon as those Persons return to their respective Homes, and that it will be impracticable in future for this Board to procure those Supplies which are indispensably necessary to give Efficacy to the present most important Operations in Virginia, without resorting to the rigid Measure of Seizure, which Justice and Policy prompt us to avoid as much as possible, on Account of its Odiousness and Inequality; we also dread the Evils that will, in all Probability, result from Stopping the Administration of Justice. Our sense of Duty and our Desire to Support the Credit of the new Money will induce us to adopt any Expedient that will in any degree promote its Circulation, and extricate the Persons attending the Court from their peculiar Hardship. The only one that has occurred is, to assure the Tavern-keepers and Persons who take in Lodgers, that we will let them have Beef and Flour at the current Specie Price in this City for all the Money of the last Emission which they shall respectively receive from the Jurymen, Sheriffs, Witnesses and others necessarily attending the General Court for their Accommodation and Entertainment, and that Measures will be instantly taken to get the Beef and Flour here; this is the unanimous Resolution of the Board and may be immediately communicated. We understand and believe the current Specie Prices for Beef and Flour in this City are 6^{d} a Pound for Beef and 20/ ℔ 100^{H} for Flour.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.] Ibid.

This Post is entirely without Flour, wherefore you will without Loss of Time, send down 150 Barrels of Flour, and if necessary impress a Boat for that Purpose, for which this shall be your Warrant

[Council to Vachel Stevens, Esqr.] Ibid. p. 294

The Issuing Commissary at this Place is now without Beef and unless you collect immediately, a Number of Cattle, the Troops must

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be greatly distressed, We request you will pay constant Attention to the Supplies M[r] Crisall will require and that you collect and deliver to him at least 40 good Cattle, as soon as you possibly can, but some of them must be delivered immedaitely.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Ignatius Taylor ten pounds one shilling and six pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &[ca] of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State, eight pounds Seventeen shillings and six pence part thereof to be by him retained and one pound four Shillings to be delivered over to Joseph Milburn due them per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Jubb Fowler Messenger to the Governor and Council twenty pounds Sixteen shillings and eight pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire two hundred pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Zehania Turner Seventy five pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander Crawford eighty five pounds ten shillings and one penny of the same Emission, of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Acco[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Williams Esq[r] fourteen pounds, twelve shillings and eleven pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John L. Elbert Apothecary to the Southern Army, eleven pounds, five shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Meridith seventeen pounds ten shillings and nine pence of the same Emission of the money afores[d] due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John H. Nicholls, one hundred and fifty one pounds, two shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for the use of himself & Company of select Militia per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Henry Clements Sixteen pounds, five shillings of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Jarboe eighteen pounds five shillings. Jeremiah Banning, Seventeen pounds, four shillings & ten

pence and John H. Nicholls, forty pounds, eight shillings & six pence Specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " per Accounts passed

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to General Smallwood two hundred and thirty eight pounds specie part of the 4000£ to be distributed to the officers and soldiers of the 5th Regiment ordered to the Southward on Account.

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That the said Treasurer pay to General Smallwood twenty two pounds ten shillings Specie to enable him to pay the Bounty to two recruits enlisted for three years. Seventeen pounds, eleven shillings and nine pence like Money and twelve pounds, fifteen shillings and nine pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign in lieu of Clothing on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to John L. Elbert thirty galls of Rum and one hundred and twenty pounds of sugar to the 1st Instant.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said John L. Elbert a suit of Cloaths and Linen for four Shirts for the year 1780

That Thomas Donnellan deliver to Stephen Steward one thousand pounds of biscuit on Account of the Galley building by him.

[Council to President of the Special Council.]

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Colo Blaine has informed us of your strenuous Endeavours to procure Flour for the Support of the Army, and of your Difficulty in getting Barrels for the want of Gold or Silver. Having received a small sum in Specie towards Payment of the Land lately sold, we take the earliest opportunity of sending seventy five Pounds to you, for the Purpose of procuring Barrels, an we hope that you will be able, by giving Part Specie and Part Paper, to obtain the Number necessary

[Council to Ignatius Taylor Esqr.]

Ibid.

We desire that you will hire, or if necessary impress a proper Vessel to bring the Flour in your Possession to this Place, the first opportunity that offers; and if you find it necessary to impress a Vessel for that Purpose, this shall be a sufficient Warrant. We shall upon the Receipt of the Flour here, pay Freight adequate to the Service.

[Council to Mr. Thomas Donnellan.]

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Ibid.

Mr Stephen Steward, who is building a Galley for the State, is in Want of Bread for his Workmen. If you have any Biscuit on Hand, belonging to the State, please to deliver to him or his Order one thousand Weight.

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Saturday 13th October 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Frederick Greene three pounds Specie for Postage of Letters of the 1st Instant per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward five hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State to be expended in Building the Galley on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green two hundred and forty one pounds, twelve shillings and six pence, of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Ridgely one hundred and twenty six pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence of the same Ems of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Thomas Usher due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Emanuel Ebbs, John D. Tully William Newbury and William Potter Soldiers in the 3d Maryld Regimt each one pound six shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for making thirteen Common Tents.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Denny thirteen pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Lawrence Brannon, Jesse Jacobs, Emanuel Allen, Michael Claney, William Moore, William George, Joseph Blaze, William Cox, Daniel Oneal, Thomas Bird, Richard Blansfield & Thomas Richardson lately returned from Captivity in Charles Town each three Dollars on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to William Scott two pounds five shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due him p Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer deliver to Colo Sam Smith one hundred hhds Tobo to be applied in the Purchase of Clothing for the Army on Acct

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Vachel Stephens Commy of Ann Arundel County two hundred and fifty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the prest Campaign on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Bear five pounds ten shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Colo George Stricker on Account.

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[Council to Doctr. James Murray.]

Mr Elisha Harrison has made Application to the Board for the Appointment of Surgeons Mate in the Line. We shall be much obliged to you to examine him and to report to us your Opinion of his Qualification.

[Council to Colo. George Stricker.]

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The Governor and Council have received your Letter of the 11th by George Bear and having no other but Paper Money in the Treasury have directed that five Pounds ten shillings should be drawn and sent to you

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Thomas twenty nine pounds, two shillings and one penny and to Ruth Billingsly Twenty seven pounds, eighteen shillings specie, agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Basil Patterson eighteen pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Isaac Rawlings, fifteen pounds four shillings, of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Geoghegan, two pounds fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Dorsey twenty one pounds two shillings and three pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State allowed him by this Board for Acting as an Assistant Clerk from the 7th September to this Day inclusive.

That Mr Shaw deliver to Mr Quynn Steel Sufficient for eighteen axes making for the public

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Majr Brookes, red Cloth for facing to a Regimental Coat.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Thomas Seventy five pounds Specie to be delivered over to the special Council.

Mr Elisha Harrison appointed Surgeons Mate in the Maryland Line.

[Council to Mr. Valentine Green.]

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We hereby authorize and empower you to impress Sufficient Forage for the Support of the Public Horses, now on Kent Island, until you can bring them over, and also Vessels to ferry them over, if necessary

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to David McMachen Esqr twenty pounds, nineteen shillings and eleven pence Specie agree-

October 16 able to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State p Acct settled
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p. 165 That the said Treasurer pay to John Mitchell five pounds six shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Cred. &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay Ebenezer Riner one thousand pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivd over to John Voorhees Commy of Purchs for Kent County to be by him expended in the purchase of Cattle & accounted for.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Henry
p. 166 Gassaway of the 4th Regimt fifteen pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Patrick one thousand pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Richard Dallam Esqr Commissary of Harford County to be by him expended in the Purchase of Cattle on Account.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. John Mitchell going with Dispatches to the French Fleet five Days provisions for 4 hands.

That the said Commissary deliver to Thomas Hall a Witness for the State against Arthur Kirk charged with high Treason one ration per Day until he is Discharged by the General Court now sitting.

Agreed with Doctr Ephraim Howard for a number of Intrenching Tools at the following rates viz.

fifty Axes at twelve shillings and six pence
fifty Spades at twelve shillings and six pence
fifty Shovels at ten shillings
fifty hatchets helved at four shillings and to be allowed the same Prices for what has already been delivered & Pick axes at 13/4.

October 16 [Council to John Voorhees, Esqr.]
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p. 294 We received your Letter of the 11th this Day and have sent by Mr Riner 1000£ to enable you to pay for the Cattle. A Sum in Specie was sent the other Day to the Special Council to procure Barrels, to whom you will be so obliging as to apply for the Money you may want for that Purpose

Ibid. [Council To the Commissaries of Charles, St. Marys Harford, Prince
p. 295 Georges & Calvert Counties.]

We have sent you by ....£s to enable you to procure and forward the Number of Cattle heretofore directed, and to procure Barrels for Flour & Pork.

Money sent To Charles County 1200£ St. Mary's 600£ Harford 1000£ Prince Georges 1000£ & Calvert 600£.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Gassaway twelve pounds, six shillings and one penny Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Account passed by the Aud^{r} General the 18 August 1781.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ignatius Digges Esquire one thousand four hundred and eighteen pounds four shillings and four pence and to Zachariah Stroble two hundred and fifty eight pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence Specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid per Certificates Settled and passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Yeates one thousand pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Hezekiah Reeder Commissary of Charles County on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Chever eight pounds two shillings and five pence of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid for Stores on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Ijams four pounds eight shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money approp^{d} for the payment of Expresses &^{ca} his allowance on the Journal of Acc^{ts} May Session 1781

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

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Col^{o} Blaine called on the Board on his way to Virginia and informed us that a large Quantity of Spirits would be absolutely necessary for the Army in Virginia, and requested that as much might be purchased as could be procured; we accordingly wrote to the Commissaries of Montgomery, Frederick and Washington, to purchase what they Could in those Counties and sent 1500£ to the Commissary of Montgomery and 1000£ to each of the other Commissaries for that Purpose; since which we have heard from Montgomery that little or none could be procured in that County and Col^{o} Price writes us on the 27th Ult^{o} that " he doubted not, in the Course of the next week, to send off three or four Loads to George Town," where it was ordered. We have not heard from Washington on the Subject

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Hays jun^{r} thirty eight pounds, eight shillings and six pence & to Benedict Hardy three pounds Seven shillings & six pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State p Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Lee one hundred and thirty seven pounds nineteen shillings and nine pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l} the 17th Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Purdy Sixteen pounds two shillings and ten pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Isaac Rawlings of the Maryland Artillery eight pounds, twelve shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Stores on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Yieldhall nineteen pounds four shillings and to Thomas Cramphin Esquire one hundred and nine pounds, four shillings and seven pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Account & Certificates passed by the Aud & D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Vachel Burgess thirty Pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^{ca} of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Lieut Joshua Burgess of the 3^{d} Regiment on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt John Jordan and Major John Rudulph of Col^{o} Lee's Legion, Clothing to the Amount of a Suit of Cloaths on Account

Henry Saxon from Calvert, John Holland from Queen Anns Thomas Monnohon from Harford, Patrick Ownen from Washington Counties Substitutes. Nicholas Goldsborough, Solomon Dixon and Zachariah Newton Draughts from S^{t} Marys County having been recommended by Doct^{r} James Murray as proper Objects for Discharges are therefore Discharged from the Duty for which they were intended.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Vachel Stevens Esq^{r} Commissary for Ann Arundel County five hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^{ca} of the money appropiated for the present Campaign to be expended in the purchase of Provisions on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crisall forty Pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Woolfe six hundred pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to Pat. Sim Smith Esq^{r} Commissary of Calvert County on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Lansdale one thousand six hundred pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid,

one thousand pounds thereof to be delivered over to John Smith Brookes Esq[r] Commissary of Pur[s] for Prince Georges County and six hundred pounds to Joseph Ford Commissary of St. Marys County on Account. October 19 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 167

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Stephen Steward 9.5/8 In. Augers

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Hall two hundred and thirty six pounds, eight shillings and ten pence and to Samuel Thomas two hundred and thirteen pounds, four shillings and seven pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Certificates passed by the Aud[r] Gen[l] p. 168

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William Chard from Calvert County and James Hill from Cecil County Draughts, having been recommended by Doct[r] James Murray as proper Objects for Discharges, are therefore hereby Discharged from the Duty for which they were Draughted.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Howe Ridgate two hundred and fifteen pounds eleven shillings and eleven pence farthing of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &[ca] of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State forty pounds thirteen shillings and six pence to be delivered over to Philip Thomas and one hundred and seventy four pounds, eighteen shillings and five pence farthing to Thomas Hungerford per Account & passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John and Sam[l] Davidson six hundred and forty one pounds, three shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign, five hundred and twenty Six pounds, eight shillings and three pence part thereof to be by them retained, nineteen pounds, ten shillings for the use of Jacob Haass, six pounds, thirteen shillings and nine pence for the use of Thomas Grahame and Eighty eight pounds, eleven shillings and six pence for Benjamin Fairbairn due them per Acc[ts] passed by the A. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Valentine Green eighty four pounds, thirteen shillings of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Hannah May and Alice Redman each, twenty shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due them per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Watson the wife of a Soldier who was killed at an entertainment given the Officers of the Maryland Line by the Citizens of Annapolis two pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid.

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That the said Treasurer pay to Solomon Sparrow ten pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Mary Gordon a Soldier's wife of the 3[d] Maryland Regiment one ration per Day until she recovers her health.

State of Maryland.—Samuel Gerock confined on Suspicion of trading with the Enemy, having entered into Bond with two good Securities not to depart the County of Baltimore without leave of the
p. 169 Governor and Council for the Time being and to be of good Behaviour during the Continuance of the present War and in the mean time not by any Act or Speaking to do any thing to the prejudice of this State or the United States and to make his personal appearance before the next General Court to be held for the Shore and not to depart therefrom without Leave of Court, is ordered to be discharged from his present Confinement. Given in Council at Annapolis this twentieth Day of October 1781 To Philip Thomas Esq[r] Lieut of Frederick County.

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[Council to Mr. William McBryde.]

Your Letter of the 1[st] Current was not received 'til yesterday. The Law is express, that no Allowance is to be made for the fifth Quarter in Discharge of Taxes. The Pork and Bacon, we think reasonable. Col[o] Blaine was with us the other Day and informed the Board that he had given general Directions respecting the Cattle on the Eastern Shore, which we suppose you have received; you will feed them with the Shorts and Bran until they are delivered.

Ibid.

[Council to President of the Special Council.]

It is with great Pleasure that we transmit the Copy of a Letter from His Excellency General Washington dated the 12[th] All other Accounts from Head Quarters agree, in the fair Prospects of subduing his Lordship. We rejoice to find the Exertions of this State, have given full Satisfaction to the Commander in Chief; we are daily forwarding Flour and Cattle. You will be surprized at our Letter of the 11[th] accompanying this, but the plain Truth is that two Gentlemen at Separate Times had engaged to convey it to you, and the 75£ Specie, and, after some Delay returned it.

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The News Papers will, before now, have informed you of the bloody action in South Carolina of the 8[th] it fell very heavy on the Maryland Line, though General Greene obtained the Victory and the Enemy lost about 1100 Men. We apprehend that your Intelligence is so good from Philadelphia that you will have heard that the British at New York are fitting out all their Ships, it is said 28 or 29 Sail of the Line and puting on Board 5000 Troops in Order to make a desperate Attempt upon the French Fleet for the Relief of the Garrison of York.

Affairs there are certainly become very critical. We have had various Accounts of Vessels arriving to the Eastward with Cloathing and Stores, particularly Commodore Gillon in the Charlestown Frigate but we were yesterday advised that the Accounted of his Arrival is premature

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Ordered that the Armourer deliver to Lieut. John Davidson Powder Sufficient to make two hundred and forty six Cartridges for the use of the Company of Select Militia in Annapolis and also to Colo Tootell the Tackle & Fall in his Possession taking his receipt for it and if any Damage is done it Colo Tootell will have it repaired.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Fenwick one thousand three hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Joseph Ford Commissary of St Marys County to be by him expended in the purchase of Provisions for the Army on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Joshua Rutledge 4 Regt thirty pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hinde three pounds seven shillings and six pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl the 15 Inst.

That John Bullen Quarter Master deliver to Capt Jordan of Colo Lees Legion forty three saddles and Accoutrements, which came from Frederick taking his receipt therefor, which he is to lodge with the Auditor General.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Denune a Soldier in the 4th Maryland Regiment, one Coat, one waistcoat one pair Breeches, one pair Shoes, and one pair Stockings.

[Council to Joseph Ford, Esqr.]

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We have yours of the 20th Instant, and have sent you by Mr Fenwick 1300£ to pay for the Cattle which with the 600£ sent by Landsdale, make the sum you request. You will not for the present, collect more than 400 Beef Cattle in the Whole, which you will continue to forward to George Town. We have this Day received certain Information of the Capture of Lord Cornwallis and his whole Army.

[Council to John Bullen Esqr.]

Ibid.

We shall be much obliged to you to make us an immediate Return of the Number of Horses you have received, from whom, what you have delivered and to whom, and what Number remain on Hand. It is the Determination of this Board, this Day to turn what may remain over to the Continent.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Roberts one hundred and six pounds, seventeen shillings and three pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Valentine Green six pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. George Hamilton thirty eight pounds of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for Clothing on Account

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Samuel Trudell a Soldr in the Marylđ Line one shirt, one waistcoat, one pr Breeches, one pr Stockgs & one pr Shoes in part of the Clothg due him

p. 170 Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Cartwright six pounds five shillings and six pence specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due form this State per Certa passed by the Aud. Gl the 22đ Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Edward Cockey two hundred and twenty three pounds ten shillings and two pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropđ for the Defence of the State, fourteen pounds, eight shillings and five pence to be by himself retained, the residue to be delivered by him in the following manner Viz. to William Harvey, himself and Company thirty three pounds five Shillings and six pence. William Lane for himself and Company fifteen pounds, twelve shillings and six pence. Daniel Shaw himself and Company thirty pounds, eighteen shillings. Benjamin Talbot himself and Company forty pounds, seventeen shillings and ten pence. Joshua Stevenson Eight pounds, nine shillings and two pence. Abel Hedington two pounds nineteen Shillings and six pence. Stephen Gill himself & Company twenty pounds, nine shillings and Seven pence. Nicholas Kelly for himself and Company twenty six pounds three shillings and eight pence and to Joshua Marsh for himself and Company, thirty pounds six shillings due them per pay rolls examđ and passed by the Aud. Gl

Commissions issued to John Cockey of Thomas appointed first Lieut. Nicholas Harvey second Lieut. of Capt. William Harvey's Compy Joshua Anderson second Lieut. Joseph Sutton Ensign of Capt. John Talbots Compy Nicholas Kelly Capt. in the room of John C. Owings Philip Pindell first Lieut. Thomas Cockey second Lieut. Norman Gorsuch Ensign. William Ensor first Lieut. Arthur Chinworth Second Lieutenant Loveless Gorsuch Ensign of Capt. John Marsh's Compy William Lane Capt. in the room of Capt. Richard

Cromwell, James Bosley first Lieut. John Jones second Lieut. Greenbury Wyly Ensign. Vincent Talbott first Lieut. Thomas Chinworth second Lieut. Neale Hale junr Ensign of Capt. Benjamin Talbots Compy. Tilley Haile first Lieut, and Thomas Cox second Lieut of Capt. Stephen Gills Compy belonging to the Gunpowder Upper Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County. October 23 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 170

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We have the Pleasure to congratulate you upon the Reduction of the Enemy's Posts at York and Gloster. We have not seen the Particulars of the Capitulation, but in general they are nearly the same as those granted to Genl Lincoln at Charles Town. The English Troops marched out with cased Colours and laid down their Arms, then were marched back into Town unarmed, the Number between 5 & 6000 Men. The Officers to be on Parole and to keep their private Baggage, but all Property plundered or captured to be restored upon Proof to the Former Owners. The British Merchants and Traders to keep their Goods and Effects, but the United States to have the Right of Preemption. The Refugees to be delivered up to the Civil Powers. Count De Grasse has Notice of the Intention of Genl Clinton and the British Navy to relieve Lord Cornwallis, and is preparing to meet them. Altho we cannot depend to absolute Certainties, yet we will not deny ourselves the Pleasure of communicating what has come to our Knowledge. p. 296

[Council to General Washington.] Ibid.

We received by a Letter from the Count De Grasse, and verbally by Colo Tilghman the important and most agreeable Intelligence of Lord Cronwallis's Surrender. Permit us to offer our most sincere and affectionate Congratulations to your Excellency on this great and memorable Event. At present, we are not informed of all the Particulars of the Capitulation, but understand the Refugees are to be Subject to the Civil Powers of the States from whence they fled. Many within that Description have absconded from this State, three of the Names of Hayman, Hayward and French, whose Conduct since joining the Enemy have rendered them peculiarly obnoxious. We think it incumbent on us to desire that all such Persons may be sent to this State and we flatter ourselves that the Negroes and other Kind of Property which were captured or plundered from the Citizens of this State may be recovered. Our State Boat the Dolphin, then commanded by Capt. William Middleton with a French Officer on Board going Express from the Marquis de la Fayette to the French Fleet last Spring was by Order of the French Officer ran, by Mistake along side the British Ship Royal Oak and captured, the Captain and his Crew remain in Captivity. Unwilling as we are to trouble your Excellency on any Occasion, yet we cannot, consistent with our Duty, p. 297

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forbear to solicit the Release of this Boat, Captain Middleton and his Crew, and we hope the Count De Grasse will favor the State with the Return of the Boat, and take Measures for exchanging her Crew for some of the British Seamen lately captured.

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Ordered that the Issuing Commissary deliver to Nath[l] Butler and David Moore Waggoners in the public Service & on their way to Massachusetts Bay, each two Days provisions.

That John Bullen Esq[r] Quarter Master deliver to Joseph McClintock Waggon Master a Continental Horse, or if he has not a Continental a State Horse to go to Baltimore Town.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain George Hamilton of the 4th Regim[t] thirty pounds, nine Shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &[ca] of the money approp[d] for the present Campaign for Stores on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Bright Sullivan one pound six shillings & three pence of the same Emission, of the money afores[d] for making Tents.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Denny ten pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &[ca] of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over as follows five pounds to Aaron Winfrey and five pounds to William King soldiers of the Maryland Line who have lately returned from Captivity in Charles Town South Carolina in a Distressed Situation on Account.

Edward Robertson Draught from Frederick County being recommended by Doct[r] James Murray as a proper Object for a Discharge is therefore hereby Discharged from the Duty for which he was Draughted.

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Ibid.

Thursday 25th October 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Dorsey Esq[r] fifty three pounds five shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &[ca] of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State to be delivered over to Dickison and Stodder due them per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Denny two pounds, ten shillings of the same Emission, of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to John Chival of the Maryland Line on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Welch fifteen pounds one shillings and six pence of the same Emission, of the money afores[d] due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to the said John Welch fifteen shillings specie due him for riding Express per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl October 25 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 171

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Chival one Blanket and to William King a soldier of the Maryland Line, one Coat, one Jacket one pair Breeches, one pair Stockings, one pair shoes, one Shirt & one Blanket on Acct

Warrant issued, directed to Capt. John Jordan, to impress such Boats and hands as are necessary to transport his Men and Horses across any of the Rivers in the State of Maryland in his route to Virginia

[Council to James Calhoun Esqr.] October 25 Liber No. 78 p. 297

We request you to forward twenty Barrels of Flour to Mr Crisall Commissary at this Post

[Council to John Smith Brookes Esqr Commy of P. G. County, same to Hezekiah Reeder Esqr Commy of Charles County.] Ibid.

You will be pleased to supply Captain Jordan with what Rations and Forage are necessary for his Men and Horses on their Route through Prince George's County, for which you will pay the Inhabitants and charge it in your Accounts

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Rebecca Ridgely six pounds, fifteen shillings and one penny Specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" per Certificates settled by the Aud. General the 25 Instant.

Richard Higgins, Adam Miller, Joseph Martin, Philip Nagal and Andrew Berringer substitutes from Washington County and Peter Butler a substitute from Fred. County 'till the 10th of December next, having been recommended by Doctr James Murray as proper Objects for Discharges are therefore discharged from the Duty for which they were intended.

[Council to Job Garretson, Esqr. Sheriff of Balto County.] October 26 Liber No. 78 p. 297

George Flemming of Baltimore County has preferred a Petition to the Board, setting forth that a Recognizance for 150£ Specie entered into by him with Securities was forfeited, and that Fieri Facias's have issued on the said forfeited Recognizance, that the sum mentioned in the said Recognizance is greatly beyond his Power to discharge, being entirely dependent on his uncle for Support, and that his securities will be obliged to pay the Money if a Stop is not put to further Pro-

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ceedings. He is recommended by several of the Magistrates of the County to His Excellency's Clemency. If the Facts are as stated, the Recognizance is excessive. We wish that Justice may be done in every Instance and if the State will not suffer from a Stay of the Proceedings, by the Removal of the Petitioner or either of his securities or their Property, until the Assembly, to whom he intends to petition, shall have determined on it, we desire you to suspend the further Execution of the fieri facias's until the Assembly shall have determined on the Matter or until further Orders from this Board.

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[Saturday 27th October 1781]

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. James Bruff Cloth & Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths & Linen for two shirts on Acct and to Nicholas McNemara a maimed Soldier one Coat one Jacket one pair Breeches, one pair Shoes one pair Stockings & one shirt

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Ordered that Mr Shaw deliver to Capt. Robert Denny twelve Axes and Wedges.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Issabell six pounds, three shillings and nine pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the prest Campaign due her per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Morris two pounds nine shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money aforesd due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John H. Stone Esqr forty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert H. Harrison Esqr one hundred pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Carroll Esqr one thousand seven hundred and thirty one pounds, eleven shillings and eight pence Specie agreeable to the " Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " per Certificates settled by the Aud. Genl the 26 Instant

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Martin and Dennis Flannagan of Capt. Dorsey's Company of Artillery each one under Jacket, one pair Breeches and one pair Stockings.

George Campbell James Bourk from Cecil, John Dilman & John Mills from Frederick Walter Brookes from Ann Arundel and Thomas Owings from Harford Counties Draughts and Bright Sullivan from Baltimore and James Cassedy from Cecil Counties Substitutes to serve 'till the 10th of December next having been recommended by Doct James Murray as proper Objects for Discharges are therefore Discharged from the service for which they were intended.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Sefton two hundred and twenty one pounds, six shillings and three pence specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Certificates settled by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Seven pounds two shillings and ten pence Specie for riding Express to Congress per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn fifteen pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &[ca] of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be charged to the Continent per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Patrick Carbery four pounds five shillings and eleven pence of the same Emission, of the money appro[d] for the Defence of the State per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Tho[s] Johnson jun[r] fifteen pounds specie to be by him expended in the purchase of paper &[c] for the public on Acc.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to James Pope a Blind Soldier one Coat, one Jacket, one pair Breeches, one shirt, 1 p[r] Stock[gs] & 1 p[r] shoes p. 173

Agreed with M[r] John Muir in behalf of John Sterett of Baltimore for two thousand pair of Yarn hose at five shillings and three pence per pair to be paid in Tobacco at sixteen shillings and eight pence ꝑ Cent

Philemon Timmons from Dorchester County who enlisted to serve 'till the tenth of December next being represented by Doct[r] James Murray to be incapable of Military Duty is hereby Discharged.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay Richard Jacobs nine pounds three shillings. William Farris twenty nine pounds, nineteen shillings and one penny and to William Woodward jun[r] four pounds, nine shillings and seven pence Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Cert[s] and Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Susanna Philips one hundred and thirty four pounds, ten shillings and eleven pence and to Jacob Forwood thirteen pounds, nine shillings and six pence specie agreeable to the Act aforesaid per Cert[s] Settled by the Aud. G[l] 22 Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Denny fifty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &[ca]

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p. 173 That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir six pounds fifteen shillings of the same Emission of the money aforesaid, three pounds thereof to be delivered over to William Goldsmith and three pounds fifteen shillings to James Tootell per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Jeremiah T. Chase Esq^{r} one hundred and sixty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Edward Kaine William Askwell and Richard Wilkinson Soldiers in the Maryland Line, each, one pair Breeches, one pair Stockings and one Jacket. to James Smith one pair Shoes, one pair Stockings one pair Breeches and one Jacket and also to John Cooke of the first Battalion of New York Troops one Coat, Cloth sufficient for a pair Overalls and one shirt.

That the Armourer deliver to Stephen West Esq^{r} two hundred Gun Locks and two hundred Bayonets to be applied in repairing the Public Arms in his hands.

M^{r} Bullen is requested to turn over to the Continent all the Horses which he has and may receive from the Collectors of Horses under the " Act to procure an immediate supply of Clothing &^{ca} " except such as are fit for Light horse not exceeding forty three in number which he is to deliver to Col^{o} Lee or any of his Commissioned Officers for the use of his Legion and to make a full return of the number delivered by him and to whom and if possible from what Counties received.

p. 174 The following Draughts and Substitutes to serve till the 10th of December next being represented unfit for the service for which they were intended are hereby Discharged.

Draughts from Frederick County John Franklin Richard Seabrook Adam Souder, Tobias Ritter, James Ogle & David Weems.

Baltimore County Philip Leech. Washington, John McNeale, Andrew Reed, John Russell, Philip Anthony, Henry Bray, Philip Ward, Cornelius Cox, John Flat, John Adams, Henry Nichodemus and Teller Younger, John Coogle, Frederick Neister, Daniel Brina, William Bugles and Barna Fry. Calvert. Charles Willen, John Simmon and Archibald Edminson. Cecil, Jonathan Hartshorn & Nathan Storment St. Marys, Ignatius Griffin, Henry Norris & Joseph Ressick, Charles, Jesse Davis, James Warrington, Elias Rollins, Barton Wathen and Barton Beall. Dorchester, William Procter.

Substitutes from Washington County Michael Letherman, Daniel Hover, Simon Lyday, Peter Cramer, William Allen, Philip Motherspaw, Mich^{l} Wickert, Joseph Hoskins, Elijah Right, Thomas Wright, Nicholas Clyne, Frederick Snider, William Clifford, William Nervell,

Peter Borat, George Shaver, Jacob Hasen, George Valentine, Samuel Larmar William Mound, John Fisher and John Bomgardner. Frederick, Christopher Waggoner, Frederick Stitely, Archibald Roberts, George Baker, Martin Hecketon, Henry Young, Thomas Hueston John Casey, William Dunn, John Miller, William Dobson, Frederick Beard and Joseph Mills. Queen Anns, James Harris & Thos Williams. Charles, William Combs, William Olliver. Cecil, Hartley Sapington Jesse McDole, Joseph Polston, Benjamin McElvin, Thos Fitzsimmons John Nelson, James Redman, Robert Scott, William Ford, John Newby & Jonathan Richardson. October 30 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 174

Caroline, Alexander Leath. Ann Arundel, Richard Fogget. Calvert, William Dobson. Baltimore, Lodawick Laceman. St. Marys, Ignatius Mattingly and Ann Arundel, Thomas Beard. Frederick, Edward Bryan.

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.] October 30 Liber No. 78 p. 297

There being a Necessity for procuring Forage for the public Horses under your Care, if you cannot purchase it on reasonable Terms, for the Money current, you are hereby authorized to procure by seizure, Sufficient Quantities of Forage for the Support of the Horses, having a strict Regard, not to distress the Families of the Persons from whom you shall take it.

Wednesday 31 October 1781 October 31 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 174

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esqr Two hundred and fifty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Esquire Iudge of the General Court two hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission of the money approp^{d} for the Defence of the State on Account.

[Council to John Muir, Esqr.] October 31 Liber No. 78 p. 297

We request you to have all the woollen Socks and stockings and all the woollen Cloathing made, immediately packed up and invoiced; they are to be forwarded tomorrow for our Army at the Southward. You will receive from Mr West what socks and Stockings he may offer.

[Council to John Bullen, Esqr.] Ibid. p. 298

A Waggon and Horses will be wanted to convey the Cloathing &ca with the Troops and Horses that are to march for the Southward tomorrow which we request you will furnish Capt. Clements with

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Thursday 1st November 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Denny eight pounds ten shillings Specie part of the 4000£ appropriated to the Officers going to the Southward on Account.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Denny five pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Thomas Barclay a soldier in the Maryland Line lately returned from Captivity in Charles Town So. Carolina on Account.

That Mr Shaw, Armourer deliver to Lieut. Henry Clements sixteen muskets and Accoutrements, sixteen Cartridge Boxes and four rounds Cartridges to each.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Philip Windsor a soldier of the Delaware Regiment one Shirt, one pair woollen overalls one pair Socks and one pair Shoes.

Permission is hereby given George Lumbly of Baltimore County to solicit the Officer Commanding the Out Posts of the American Army for his Licence to go into the City of New York for the purpose of obtaining a Passage from thence to Great Britain not to return to this Stae during the present War between America and Great Britain without the leave of the Governor and Council for the time being first had and obtained.

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[Council to Charles Blake, Esqr.]

Your Letters of the 23rd & 28th Ultº we have received and presume Colº Blaine has given you Directions about the Cattle collected in your County for the Army as he informed us in Septr the Places of Deposit on your Shore were approved of by his Excellency and that Measures had been or would be immediately taken for slaughtering the Cattle and salting them down in Bulk and transporting the Beef to the Army. The Time of year, and situation you describe the Cattle to be in, render it necessary you should immediately proceed to slaughtering the whole and salting them down, if you have a Sufficient Quantity of Salt on Hand, if you have not you should make immediate Application to Colº Blaine for what you may want, at any Rate, as many Cattle should be slaughtered immediately as you have Salt to preserve. When you have a considerable Quantity ready to be sent off, inform us, and we will send you Vessels, if they can be obtained

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Friday 2d November 1781

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Nicholson three Camp Kettles for the use of the 5. Regimentt

That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Maccubbin fifty eight pounds, six shillings and eight pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appro^d for the Defence of the State on Account November 2 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 175

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Purdy eleven pounds five shillings of the same Emission, of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Esq^r one hundred and thirty one pounds, thirteen shillings and one penny and to William Farris seventy two pounds, six shillings and four pence Specie agreeable to the "Act to adjust the Debts due from this State" per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen^l

Permission is hereby given to John Hammond Cromwell to attend the Sales of the Nottingham Company, and as soon as they are over then to return to the Limits formerly prescribed by this Board.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.] November 2 Liber No. 78 p. 298

A Supply of Flour is immediately wanted at this Post, and having no Place whence we can conveniently draw it, short of Baltimore, we request you to forward forty Barrels of Flour to M^r John Crisall upon Receipt of this.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.] Ibid.

As Part of the British Army, late made Prisoners at York, are to be stationed at or near Frederick Town, the exact Number we cannot ascertain but imagine there will be at least 2000, including Officers; it becomes necessary to forward a sufficient Quantity of Supplies to that Place, to be delivered to George Murdock Esq^r who is appointed issuing Commissary for that Purpose; and we earnestly request you will take immediate and effective Measures to keep that Post constantly supplied with Provision

[Council to George Murdock, Esqr.] Ibid.

As Part of the late Garrison of York will, in a few Day be in Frederick Town, where they are to be stationed, we shall want your Assistance in the issuing the Provision for them; and do hereby appoint you issuing Commissary to the Prisoners Stationed in Frederick Town. Orders are given the County Commissaries to deliver their Provision to you.

[Council to Colo Philip Thomas.] November 2 Liber No. 78 p. 298

By a Letter received from Governor Nelson we are informed, Part of the Prisoners captured with Earl Cornwallis is to be stationed in this State, and though the Number to be provided for by us is not mentioned in his Excellency's Letter, we conclude it will not be less

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than 2000 including Officers, as the whole are to be divided among the States of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. We apprehend such a Body of Prisoners will require a Guard of three hundred Men, besides Officers; it will therefore be necessary to order out immediately such Companies of Select Militia of Montgomery Frederick and Washington Counties as will be sufficient to compose such a Guard, and until the Select Militia of Washington and Montgomery Counties can be assembled at Frederick Town, the destined Station of the Prisoners, you will order upon Duty such a Number of the Militia at large of Frederick County as, with your select Militia, will amount to the above Number. The Prisoners allotted to this State, will be guarded by the Militia of Virginia, as far as the Verge of that State and will march the most direct Route from Winchester to Frederick Town, and as they are now on their Way it will be incum-

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bent on you to march off your Guard immediately, to such Point as in all Probability, they will be halted at, when the Guard arrives there, the Commanding Officer must take Charge of the Prisoners and march them to Frederick Town. We have directed the Lieutenants of Washington and Montgomery Counties to order out the select Militia of their respective Counties and have them marched immediately under their Officers to Frederick Town, the Guard is to be under your sole Direction, You will appoint Capt. Mountjoy Baily commanding Officer of the Guard under you. We have appointed George Murdock Esq^{r} issuing Commissary, to whom you will occasionally give the necessary Directions. As the Barracks will be insufficient to hold the Prisoners, we suggest the Propriety of appropriating the Poor's House, Logged Gaol and every other empty House proper for Barracks; and in Case you meet with Difficulty in procuring Houses, the Property of Individuals, and which may be, without much Inconvenience, made Use of in this Way, we hereby authorize you to take Possession of any such Buildings which you may deem necessary.

Ibid.

[Council to the Lieutenants of Montgomery and Washington Counties.]

About two thousand of the Prisoners captured with Lord Cornwallis, are to be Stationed at Frederick Town, guarded and provided for by this State. In Consequence of which, we have determined to order out a Guard to consist of 300 Men exclusive of Officers, to be furnished out of the select Militia of Montgomery, Frederick, and Washington Counties; you will therefore order out immediately one Company of Select Militia to be composed of 80 Rank and File with their Officers, and have them marched to Frederick Town without Delay, where they will be subject to the Orders of Philip Thomas Esq^{r} Lieutenant of Frederick County.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Meredith one hundred and twenty five pounds five shillings and three pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign, sixty pounds, four shillings part thereof to be by him retained and sixty five pounds one shilling and thre pence to be delivered over to John Charies due them per Accounts passed by the Auditor General.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Walter Hamon junr six pounds ten shillings Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debt due from this State per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junior thirty Pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to William Bruce Captain thirty Pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen West Esqr twenty seven pound eleven shillings and six pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Patrick Noland late a Waggoner to the southern Army, four pounds fourteen shillings and six pence of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the said Patrick Noland one Coat, one shirt, one pair Breeches, & one hat due him.

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John Norris from Harford, David Davis from Charles & John Brown from Dorchester County, Draughts to serve 'till the 10th of December next, being Deemed unfit for the service, are therefore Discharged therefrom.

Ordered that he western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Daniel Bryan of the Boat Plater twenty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

That the Commissary of Issues at Baltimore deliver to Auty Ryan wife of James Ryan a soldier in the 3d Maryland Regiment on[e] ration per Day until further orders or she can receive the Allowance made her by the Orphans Court of Baltimore County

That the Commissary of States deliver to James OHarra a Blind soldier formerly of the 1st Maryland Battalion. one Shirt one pair Shoes and one Blanket

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Commissions issued to Philip Stilts appointed Captain in the room of Thomas Marshall, William Davis first Lieut. Thomas Reisten second Lieut. Robinson Jones second Lieut, John Hooke Ens. of Capt. Nicholas Merryman Comp^{y}. Paul Hann Capt in the room of John Showers John Rutter first Lieut. John Shaver Ensign. Henry Brown first Lieutenant, Abraham Butler second Lieutenant and William Loveall Ensign belonging to the Upper Batalion of Militia in Balt. County.

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[Council to George Murdock, Esqr.]

We wrote you on the 2^{d} ult^{o} appointing you Issuing Commissary for the British Prisoners to be quartered in or near Frederick Town, which Business we wish you to undertake. Directions are given to forward a considerable Number of Beef Cattle to you, from the several Counties, and M^{r} Calhoun is called on to furnish you with Salt to cure the Beef, when slaughtered; we wish you, in the mean Time to make the necessary Arrangements for the Reception and safe keeping the Provision.

Ibid.

[Council to John Murdock Esq^{r} L^{t} of Montg^{y} County.]

We are informed there are a Number of the Militia Draughts and substitutes in and about George Town who are useless and an Expence to the State, we therefore request you to give them a Discharge and send them off to their respective Homes.

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. Thomas Beall of George.]

M^{r} Joshua George the Continental Quartermaster at George Town, informs us that he is under great Difficulties for Beef Barrels and has no Means of procuring them. We request you to dispose of thirty Barrels of the public Flour in your Hands, to be laid out in Pork or Beef Barrels and deliver them to Col^{o} George taking his Receipt and making a Return in your Account of such Delivery. The Auditor States all Accounts for Waggonage and Pasturage upon Certificates being produced to him

Ibid.
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[Council Circular To the Commissaries of St. Marys, Charles Prince Georges, Calvert, Montgomery Frederick & Washington Counties.]

We request you to forward all the Cattle now in your Possession or that may be collected to Frederick Town, to be delivered to M^{r} George Murdock.

Ibid.

[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

Col^{o} George, Quarter Master at George Town Patowmack has about 120 Head of Beef Cattle at that Post, but he has not Salt sufficient to cure them when slaughtered. We request that you will immediately

purchase 200 Bushels of Salt. Send to George Town to Col° George 50 Bushels and, if you can, put in good Pork Barrels or Tierces. There is also about 170 Head of Cattle collected from different Counties now at Bladensburg which we shall order to M^r^ Murdock at Frederick Town for the use of the British Prisoners. He also will want Salt, and therefore desire you will send him 50 Bushels. If you are at a Loss to procure these Quantities of Salt, you may apply as much of the public Flour or Salt as will pay for it. We think good French Salt willanswer best for the Beef, but it may be proper to have one Half Allum, the Rest French. November 5 Liber No. 78 p. 300

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver Robert Wilson of this State Assistant Purveyor to the Southern Army Cloth & Trimmings for a suit of Cloaths & Linen for four Shirts for the year 1780 on Account.

Wednesday 7^th^ November 1781 November 7 Ibid. p. 177

Philip Koonce and Adam Eak Draughts from Frederick County to serve until the 10^th^ of December next being deemed unfit for the service is therefore Discharged therefrom.

Thursday 8^th^ November 1781 November 8 Ibid.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Duvall two pounds and ten pence half penny of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &^ca^ of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Richard Crabb. per Acc^t^ passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Mitchell twenty seven thousand pounds of Tobacco including four per Cent for the Casks at the Warehouses on Patowmack in lieu of two hundred and twenty five pounds Specie due him for Clothing purchased by William Clagett under the " Act to procure an immediate Supply of Clothing and flesh Provisions for the Troops &^ca^ " per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Bryan of the State Boat Plater as much Cloth as will make him a great Coat and the Captain to be charged with the price the Cloth cost the State.

Friday 9^th^ November 1781 November 9 Ibid.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Hardikin late a Soldier of the 2^d^ Regiment one Coat & one Shirt in part of the Clothing due him.

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That the western shore Treasurer pay to Alexandria Contee HansonEsq two hundred and fifty pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Lloyd Esquire three hundred and fifty five pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Joseph Bruff Commissary of Talbot County on Account.

William Sollars who was enlisted to serve in the Continental Army during the war, having exchanged his Time of Service with John Hammond Dorsey a Draught from Harford County to serve till the 10th of December next, is hereby Discharged.

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Saturday 10th November 1781

Ibid.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to the Honble George Plater Esqr seventy seven pounds, fifteen shillings and four pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign to be delivered over to Joseph Ford Commissary of St. Marys County on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Hezekiah Reeder eleven hundred pounds, of the same Emission of the money aforesaid on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Chrisr Lowndes sixteen pounds eight shillings of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid, due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Stoddert Esqr twelve hundred pounds of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the prest Campaign in part of an Order drawn by Major General Gates dated the 14th of August 1780 in favor of Colo Thomas Polk for one hundred thousand pounds Lawfull money of Virginia on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Forrest four pounds four shillings and nine pence of the same Emission of the money aforesaid for the use of William Kilgore per Acct passed by the A. Gl

That James Calhoun Esquire deliver to Stephen Steward six Barrels Common Flour on Account of building the Galley.

Jonathan Long from Washington and Michael Flechinger from Frederick Counties, Draughts to serve until the 10th of December next being deemed unfit for the service, are hereby Discharged therefrom

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[Council to Colo. Thomas Price.]

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We have received your Letter of the 6th and having no Answer from Mr Murdock, if he should decline acting, we approve of the

Offer you make to do the Business in his Stead. We have orderd up a large Quantity of Cattle, and directed the Commissary General to keep the Post supplied as well as the State of the Country will afford November 10 Liber No. 78 p. 300

[Council to Colo. Moses Rawlings.] Ibid.

A Proportion of the Prisoners captured with Cornwallis have, as we are informed by Col° Thomas, arrived in this State, where they are to be provided for, Part of them are to be kept in Frederick Town. It is not in our Power to give particular Directions respecting them, but have referred the providing for them to yourself and Col° Thomas, to whom we have wrote more particularly and have requested him to confer with you on the Subject. We have no Doubt but you will do every Thing for the Interest of the State and the Convenience of the Prisoners. To enable you to provide for the Prisoners with their Guards we hereby authorize you to impress or seize, if not to be procured otherwise, all Articles necessary to repair the Barracks and other Houses for the immediate Reception of them. The Guards and every Workman that can be got, ought to be employed in this Business, as well as the Prisoners. We have directed the Commissaries to send Supplies of Cattle and Flour to Frederick Town and have requested Col° Thomas to forward a Proportion to you.

[Council to Colo. Philip Thomas.] Ibid.

We are favored with your two Letters of the 5th Instant. We find many Difficulties and Impediments in providing for the British Prisoners to be Quartered in this State. From the late Information we received of their Destination, we are totally unprepared for their Reception. It is impossible for us to give you particular Directions at this Time, and must submit the whole Management of this Business to you, recommending an immediate Consultation with Col° Rawlings, who is written to by this Opportunity, to receive as many of the Prisoners as possible at Fort Frederick; and we authorize you to impress and seize, if not to be procured otherwise all Articles necessary to repair the Barracks and other Houses for the immediate Shelter of the Troops; the Militia and every Workman that can be got ought to be employed in this Business, as well as the Prisoners; the most effectual Measures will be taken to pay your Orders or Certificates in prosecuting this Business. The Proposal for erecting a Stockade Fort p. 301 near the Mountains, will be laid before the General Assembly, in the Mean Time every Exertion will be necessary to guard provide for and shelter the Troops. Provisions are Ordered from the several Counties to be forwarded to Frederick, and you will call on the Commissary of your County to provide and issue, until a Supply reaches you, such Proportion of which must be forwarded to Col° Rawlings agreeable to the Number of Prisoners which may be stationed at Fort Frederick.

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Monday 12th November 1781

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Charles Williamson eighteen pounds four Shillings and six pence of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign for the use of his Compy of Select Militia per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Butler five hundred pounds of the same Emission, of the money aforesaid to be delivered over to David Poe & by him expended in procuring Forage for the Post of Baltimore on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esquire, Seventy seven pounds and also to Stephen West Esqr one hundred and sixty pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated for the Defence of the State on Account.

William Haney and Hugh McLaughlin from Washington & John Gordon from Harford Counties Substitutes and Michael Hammond from Washington, Garey Lavington from Caroline and Samuel Duvall from Prince Georges Counties, Draughts to serve until the 10th of Decemr next being deemed unfit for the Service are hereby Discharged therefrom

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[Council to Mr. David Poe.]

We have yours of the 29th Ulto and 11th Instant. The impressing Vessels in which the Subjects of France have a Property, is of so delicate a Nature that we do not incline to give any opinion respecting it, but shall lay your Letter before the General Assembly on their Meeting, Your Accounts for the Impressments of Waggons &ca ought to be laid before this Board before they can be paid. We have sent by the Express 500£ of the late Emission, which is to be passed as Specie only, and laid out in the Purchase of Forage for your Post, and this is the last Sum we shall advance, until your Accounts are adjusted and your Expenditures shewn

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Tuesday 13th November 1781.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Hannah May one pound of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca of the money appropriated for the present Campaign due her per Account passeed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen West Esqr three hundred and twenty two pounds, eight shillings Specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State " per Account passed by the Aud Genl the 3d Instant

That Capt Denny deliver to Captain Sears all the Axes in his Possession belonging to the State.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Sears as many Blankets as may be necessary for the men ordered on Fatiegue which are to be returned after the Service is over also as much Cloth and Trimmings as will make the said Sears a Great Coat and Scarlet Cloth for facings for a Coat, he paying the price it cost the State and also to Robert Shayless of the 2d Regiment one pair Woollen Overalls and one pair shoes on Account. November 13 Liber C. B. No. 24 p. 179

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Beriah Mayberry one thousand six hundred and fifty pounds of flour in lieu of sixteen pounds ten shillings of the Bills emitted under the Act for the Emission of Bills of Credit &ca paid to the Treasurer received by him from Hezekiah Garner and Francis Neale Jurymen for Board, agreeable to a Resolution of the Governor and Council of the 10th October last. and also to Jane Hancock wife of William Hancock a soldier in the 3d Maryland Regiment, eight Days rations.

John Queener a Draught from Frederick County to serve 'till the tenth of December next, being Deemed unfit for the Service is hereby Discharged therefrom.

[Richard Peters, War Office, to the Hon'ble The Executive Council of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.] 1781 April 25 Red Book No. 7 Letter No. 207

The Board have the Honor to enclose a Copy of a Resolution of Congress respecting the Removal of Provisions & stores from the Peninsula between the Delaware & Chesapeake Bays. The Directions contained therein are founded upon well grounded Information received from the Commander in chief of an operation now in much Forwardness on the Part of the Enemy for the Purpose of possessing themselves of the ample Supplies which that country will afford them; and which while in their present situation hold out the most flattering Inducements to them. A Removal of them will defeat the End of their Enterprize and probably would prevail on them to give it over & thereby the People be relieved from the Danger & Distress which threaten them. We trust however that no Arguments are necessary to convince you of the urgency of the Measure & we hope for your concurrence therein; Indeed without this it appears to us to be impracticable to carry into effect the Directions of Congress. We have therefore ordered down a judicious prudent officer with a few Troops & have directed the commissary General of Purchases to assist in the Business so far as depends upon him. These Officers will consult your Excellency, and the Honble Council on the Matter & act agreeable to your advice; both as to the Removal of Public & Private Property; and particularly with Regard to the Latter. Assistance in the Transportation is absolutely requisite from the State: as it is impossible for the Officers to collect Teams or Craft without the concurrence of the Executive of the State. Altho Horses are not mentioned in the Resolution of Congress yet they are equally within the Power of the Enemy & should be removed. Any of these delivered to the Officer of Dragoons will doubtless be accounted for by Congress & proper Credit given the State; or Certificates to the Individuals as may be thought most proper

[Special Co[ouncil]. Talbot C^{t} House] May 29

The Special Co. for the Eastern Shore appointed by an Act of the last Session of Assembly having determined that the Contingencies had happened in which the Legislature intended the powers of Gov^{t} for this Shore shou'd vest did accordingly take upon themselves the Exercise of those powers, and issued their Proclamation notifying the same, in Consequence whereof various matters & things have been transacted a Journal of which we beg Leave to lay before the Honorable the two Houses of the General Assembly.

1781 May 29 The Trust with which we have been honour'd was not to commence on a day prefixed, or on any certain Event nor was it to expire at any certain period of Time, but rested on the opinions & Judgments of those in whom it was reposed, and the powers of Gov^{t} for this Shore were either to be exercised or not exercised according to their Determination on Circumstances & Events. A Trust so constituted cou'd not be thought eligible

When we were cloathing ourselves with Authority on our own Judgments of Facts and determined that the powers of Gov^{t} shou'd be taken up, we coud not but look forward to the Difficulties which might occur whenever the Time shou'd arrive in which it might be apprehended they ought to be laid down; from these Considerations, had we consulted our private Interest only, we should not have embarked in a Business likely to be attended with great perplexity & in the Transaction of which we coud not expect to escape Censure but in the Calamitous Situation of the State at that Time and particularly of that part of it for whose safety & Protection the provision was made, we cou'd not withold our Services from the publick and having from the best of motives undertaken the Trust, we most chearfully submit the propriety of our Conduct to the Examination of those, from whom it is derived.

May 29 At a General Court martial held at Lowes's Point in Somerset County on the 29th day of May Anno Domini 1781 in obedience to an appointment of George Dashiell Esq^{r} County Lieutenant

Present Esme Bayly Maj^{r} S. B. President

Capt^{n} Levin Irving	Lieut. Benjamin Venables
Capt. Joseph Venables	Lieut. Joseph Cotman
Capt. Henry Gale	Lieut. Edward Killum
Capt. James Bennett	Lieut. John Leatherbury
Lieut. Gilliss Polk	Ensign Joseph Piper
Lieut. James Polk	Ensign William Byng

M^{r} Isaac Henry Judge Advocate

John Brereton a Private in the White-haven Company, in actual Service charged by Lieutenant Ephraim Stevens the Officer Commanding the detachment with the following offences to wit

First. With deserting his Post at Lowes's Point on the 27th Instant, and attempting to Join the enemy with the Arms, Ammunition and accoutrements, with which he was intrusted.

Secondly. With having voluntarily agreed to the escape of Nathanael (alias Nathan) Bloodsworth a Soldier in the British Service, and then a prisoner over whom the said Brereton was acting as a Sentinel.

Thirdly. With having declared since his return, that the said Prisoner, with whom he deserted inform'd him that the enemies

Barges were to come up Wiccomico River on the night of the 28th Instant to attact the detachment from which he deserted. 1781 May 29

Whereupon the Court upon hearing the Evidences and upon mature deliberation adjudged that the said Brereton is not Guilty of the first and second charges or either of them as exhibited against him.

But the Court upon consideration of the Testimony are of opinion that the said John Brereton deserted the Company stationed at Lowes's Point to which he belonged and is Guilty under the second Article of the Sixth Section of an Act " Entitled An Act to establish rules and Articles for the Government of the draughts and other Militia of this State while in Service." And adjudge the said John Brereton to pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds and to serve four months in the Continental Army. The propriety of which proceedings and Judgment are humbly submitted to his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Governor of the State of Maryland for approbation.

p order. Esme Bayly, President

John Polk of Lawful age being sworn saith that when they took John Brereton he had a Cartridge Box sling to his side, and that the person with whom the said Brereton was, was the prisoner that made his escape; he this deponent does not know whether the said Brereton was posted as a Sentinel; he this deponent does not know whether the said Brereton was privy to the escape of the prisoner Bloodsworth; he this deponent heard the said Brereton say, that Bloodsworth the prisoner, told him, that the enemies Barges intended up on the night after he this deponent saw the said Brereton & the said Bloodsworth together. and further saith not.

Joshua Pollott of Lawful age be sworn, saith that the said John Brereton was not posted as a Sentinel. The prisoner Bloodsworth discovered that he was uneasy & desired that he might be permitted to step aside and ease himself, the said Brereton who was at that time standing by offered to go with the said Bloodsworth and did go with him, & this deponant was also a going, but some person near at hand, laughed & said that one man was enough to go with another to Shite: afterwards when this deponent found that the said Brereton & the prisoner Bloodsworth were both gone he fired an alarm; and this deponent saw two men, whom he supposed to be them, go off thro a thickett. This deponent never heard the said Brereton say any thing about the enemy. and further saith not.

Aquila Chittam of lawful age being sworn upon the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, saith, that on the evening of the 27th day of May he acted as Serjeant under Lieut. Ephraim Stevens and by order of Lieut Stevens afd he posted Joshua Pollett as Sentinel at the door of the room where Bloodsworth the prisoner then was; in the evening he was alarmed by a report that Bloodsworth had escaped and John Brereton private at that time under the command of Lieut Stevens

1781 May 29 was absent at the same time. As to the second charge exhibited against the said Brereton, saith that the said Brereton was not a Sentinel at the time that Bloodsworth made his escape. and further saith not.

Martin Bowles of Lawful age being sworn saith that on the evening of the 29th day of May Lieut. Ephraim Stevens called upon the men under his command to turn out immediately and endeavour to retake Bloodsworth the prisoner who had made his escape and also to take John Brereton one of the men under his command who was missing at the same time; that this deponent accordingly turned out with the men, and after searching and not finding the prisoner & the said Brereton, the officer detached this deponent with William McClemmy John Polk & Thomas Caton to intercept the said Bloodsworth and John Brereton, accordingly they crossed Wicomico Creek and posted themselves by the side of the road near Mr Thomas Holbrook's plantation and in the night after the moon was down, they saw two men coming towards them, when they were within a few yards, they challenged & ordered the two men to surrender, immediately Bloodsworth halted and presented his piece at them and flashed, and this deponeth & the others that were with him discharged their musquets, upon hearing some persons Jump over the ditch they went towards the place and said you infernal buggers surrender or we'll put you to death, upon which John Brereton cried out for Gods sake not to shoot him, and instantly arose out of a field of wheat, and came to them with his cartridge Box, they called upon him for the Bayonet, but he denied that he had it, and said that Bloodsworth snatched his musquet out of his hand at the time he went out with him, and said if he the said Brereton did not go with him, he would blow him through. After they travelled some distance Brereton confessed that he had the Bayonet, and it was where he lay, and said that he was afraid if he acknolwedged that he had the Bayonet, they would put him to death. And further saith not

William McClemmy of Lawful age being sworn saith that John Brereton was not a Sentinel on duty at the time when Bloodsworth made his escape; this deponent being one of the detachment that was sent to intercept the prisoner & John Brereton who had left the said detachment, and in Mr Holbrook's lane he saw two men, whom he supposed to be the men he was in pursuit of, upon which he challenged 'em to surrender & one of 'em presented his piece & flashed, instantly this deponent & his party fired at the two men then in view, he heard one or both of 'em Jump over a ditch, immediately this deponent and one of his party went to the place and said if he did not come out, if he this deponent found him he would put him to death, upon which the said Brereton arose out of a Wheat field and surrendered himself, and confessed to this deponent that Bloodsworth had snatched his musquet from him, and that it was against his will he

went off. That he this deponent went to the house of Mr Holbrook and gave the said Brereton a dram of Brandy, and after they had travelled about three quarters of a mile the said Brereton confessed that it was his inclination to go off on board of the Barges; and this deponent told the said Brereton that if he confessed the truth perhaps it would be better for him; and then he confessed that he went voluntarily with Bloodsworth, and that they intended on the next night with the Barges up to Lowes's Point and attact the Guard & further saith not. [1781] May 29

[Aaron Sterling, Somerset, To the Honourable the Council for the Eastern shore of the State of Maryland.] July 13

Your Petitioner is an Inhabitant of Annimessix in Somerset County and is now of Sixty six years of Age that from the beginning of the present contest with Great Britain to the present day he has been a firm friend to the Liberties and Independance of America that he was plundered last fall by the British barges and four times this spring and that he has been plundered of all his meat and provisions of every kind the whole of his Houses have been burnt with his furniture and Indian Corn that he was also wounded beat and bruised exceedingly at the time his houses were burnt that he has been obliged to remove near seventeen miles from his plantation with his wife and Children that he's been reduced to great difficulties being oblidged to depend much on the bounty and Charity of others. Your Petitioner further shews that his Son Josias Sterling hath lately been drafted that in his present distressed situation his said Son is of the greatest Service to him in providing things for the subsistence of his family and that he is of opinion that he shall not be able to support his family without the assistance of his said son. he therefore prays that your Honours would be pleased to take the premises into consideration and discharge the said Josiah Sterling

We hereby certify that from credible Information we are assured that the facts set forth in the above petition are true.

George Dashiell	Hamilton Bell	Gilliss Polk
Saml Wilson	Henry Jackson	James Polk
John Done	John Denwood	James Bennett
Jacob Ker	Isaac Henry	George Day Scott

Christian Kreemer of Somerset County Dealer & Printer informs, That about the 17th of October he sent two Chests containing Money & Goods as by the Inventory herewith lodged to the House of William Smith in Anemisex. that on the Road he was met by 3 Men. that he believes were George Mason & John Mason of the same County the other unknown that they stopped him & demanded his Name & terrified him greatly. they said they had heard of the damned Rebel. where was he going? above King's town they enquired for Powder August 8

1781 August 8 to blow the Rebels brains out. whether he had hard or soft Money in his Chest? he said he had none. they demanded the keys. he had them not. they Rumaged the Cart & took out 5 Pewter Plates & 2 good Hatts almost New out of the Hat Box. They said among themselves come let us go the damned old Rebel has nothing but old rusty pewter. He proceeded on to William Smiths House, those 3 Men as he has heard followed him at some distance. Affirmed to in Council.

William Smith of the same County, declares That on the last day of October 1780. between 11 & 12 o'Clock at night a Number of Men 6 or 7, beat at his door & threatened to break it open. He had some of his People open the door. 3 Men armed with Guns, John Taylor, Thos. Lumber & Thos Hastings of Virginia rushed into his House. they demanded a Chest belonging to Smith Horsey with 9000 half Joes Smith said there was no such chests there. that Smith Horseys chest had been carried away the day before. That they seeing Kreemers Chest near the foot of the Bed with the But End of their Guns knocked open the lid & lifting the Tile found a Box of Hard Money at which they rejoiced & carried the Chests into the yard & emptied it of every thing that was in it & divided it as he since understood among the whole Company. the other men were Saml Tomlin. Babel Maddux, George Mason & John Mason. The first 3 Men went up Stairs & took out of Kreemers other chest many valuable Goods & brought them down in Arm fulls. in dividing the Money out of doors they dropt a Guinea & a half & some Cut velvet in the Grass.

The Robbers demanded what other Rebel Property were in Smiths House. he said his property was Rebel property if they called it so. but they took nothing of his but some paper money which was in Kreemers chest that Smith had given him to carry to Balt. He told them that some of the Money in that Chest was his about 1700£. which they promised to return but never did.

Sworn to in Council Tho: S: Lee

Babel Maddox came before a Magistrate, John Williams & informed of the above Transactions, but Williams never bound him over or took any security from him. Maddox is a Man of Land & Property, he entered into an obligation to Mr Williams to make amends to Kreemer & to convict the others.

A True Inventory of the goods Lost By Plundering Belonging to Christian Kramer on the seventeenth and Last of October 1780

To 1 Barrel Pork 40lb of Bacon 40lb of Soap 307£ hard money: 1700£ In Paper money Eight silver table spoons & six Tea spoons. a golden Locket two sets of Ear Bobs: two Dozen of Holland Sheets three Country Sheets, 15 yards of Holland Linen.

8 yards of Check Linen, 5 Large Table Cloths, a Dozen and half Napkins. a Dozen and half Pillow Cases. 5 Towels 9lb of spun thread

4[lb] Spun Cotton 4 Holland aprons 2 fine Holland shirts and 2 Holland Shifts, 13 fine Hankerchiefs and 4 muslin D° 15[lb] of Clean Hackled flax. one silk gown a Silk Bonnet and some wearing Clothes 12[lb] Coffee 1 Silver Medal 1 p[r] Silver Clasps 1781 August 8

Sam[l] Tomlin
Babel Mattox
George Mason
John Mason
} Anamesix Som[t] Co[ty] { John Taylor
Thos. Lumber
Thos. Hastings
} [illegible]

Baltimore County ss[t] On the 24[th] day of August 1781 Came James Rouse before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for the Stae of Maryland & made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that on the 4[th] day of this Instant James Rouse Martin Trout Felix Hughs made their Escape from the Brittish at Portsmouth said Hughs was five weeks with said Rouse & Trout untill The People belonging to a barge Insisted to take said Hughes As a Spie which we ofered to Prove to the Contrary telling Them that he was a Deserter they taking him to talbot Goal we having no opertunity, the Whole time said Hughs was In our Company he beheaved himself as an Honest Sober man & a friend to the States of America sworn before Me this 24[th] day of August 1781. August 24

Geo. Lindenberger

his
jam[s] : X Rouse
mark

I do hereby Certify that the Deponent James Rouse, was Skipper & Owner of a sloop Laden for acct. the State, that he has ever Conducted himself as a friend to the Cause of America, always turning out with the Militia on every alarm & that Credit may be given to his Deposition.

[Special Council, Talbot C[t] House to Mr. Baker.] October 2

You will send your Sloop immediately round to M[r] Seth's Mills in Tuckahoe and there order your Skipper to wait for a load of flour w[ch] we have reason to believe will be ready by next Saturday or Monday; He must take down with him a Manifest of his Load expressing marks N[os] Tare and neat weight of every Barrell & pass his receipt at the Mill on a Copy of such manifest when He is loaded He must proceed with all possible Dispatch to Burwells ferry on [James?] River or to such other place as you shall be informed has been appointed for the Delivery of Provisions for the Army.

[Wm Paca In Special Council Talbot Court house to Peter Chaille, Commissary of Worcester Co.] September 19

A very large quantity of Provisions particularly of the Bread kind will be wanted for the use of the Army; You are therefore de-

1781 September 19 sired immediately to inform the Special Council what quantity of Wheat and Flour you have on hand and the different places in which they are stored with the quantity in each place The Wheat which is stored in Mills within your district you are requested to have ground up and prepared for transportation with all possible dispatch.

[Mat. Tilghman, President Special Council, Talbot Court house, to Peter Chaille, Esq., commisary, Worcester Co.]

Colonel Blaine having informed us that he intends to Slaughter the Cattle in the Counties on this Shore for the better transportation of them to the Army has requested of us every aid in our power to forward that Business. We therefore desire that you will immediately on notice from him have the Cattle under your Care drove as it may be convenient to such place or places as he shall direct, and that you immediately cause to be Slaughtered and salted up such number as he may direct, and lade them on board Vessels which he will provide for that purpose and that nothing may impede the most speedy supplies to the Army, we have inclosed you a power to impress Boats and hands, horses Carriages and Drivers, which however you will be careful not to make use of but from necessity, and you will be careful not to drive in for Slaughter any Cattle but are fit for immediate use, and such as are not fit you will endeavour to get into such Pastures or grazing Grounds as will speedily make them fit for the Knife, and you also will observe such Directions for salting up as you will receive from Colonel Blaine

October Red Book No. 28 Letter No. 16 [Benj[a] Burgess, W[m] Francis Neale, Henry Massey Hanson, Henry Spalding, John Laveill, Charles Owens, J. H. Griffith Jun[r], Jacob Crist, Martin Kershner, Ph: Hall, William Stenson, Benj. Cawood j[r] Shff, Thos. Gray Shff, Simon Nicholls, Thos. Williams, William Renner, Igna[s] Fenwick, Tho[s] Hynes, [Fredk?] Rohrer, John Hinde, Edw. Dorsey, Jas. Adiston, Wm. Herbert, Francis Gardiner, Barnett W. Barber, Annapolis To the Honble Judges of the General Court]

We the Subscribers being Sheriffs, Grand and Petit Jurors now attending this Court and find it impossible to continue for want of hard Cash, insomuch, that we have applyed to sundry Inhabitants of this Town, who keeps entertainment, and who refuses to take any money except Gold or Silver or to give any time for payment and as we have no other except Red money, we hope your Honours will take our case into consideration and take such Steps as you shall think most necessary on the occation, which will be thankfully Acknowledged by your Honours most ob[t] hb[le] Serv[ts].

[Comm. for Forfeited Estates, Annapolis to David M^cMechen] [1781]

The Board are informed that there is in the Possession of M^r Tho^s Franklin of Baltimore County a Library late the property of Rob^t Alexander we request the favor of you to apply to M^r F. for and take possession of same returning to this Board an Inventory thereof.

[Commissioners for Forfeited Estates to Thos. Williams Esq. Sheriff of P. G. County] [1781]

We are informed that you have proceeded to make Sale of some negroes late the property of the Rev^d M^r Boucher, we apprehend that you are wrong in this procedure, in as much as the General Assembly had antecedent to the sale confiscated and appropriated them to the use of the State and directed us as Commissioners in what manner to dispose of them. The laws also direct that no taxes shall be levied on public property, We are of opinion that if you attempt to receive the money, or to give any title for those negroes you will do it in your own wrong For as the laws declare us to be in possession of those negroes we shall certainly insist on the disposal of them

We are &^c

[Office for the preservation and Sale of Forfeited Estates to Maj. To. Bruff.] [1781]

We request the favour of you to sell the negroes late the property of S^r Robert Eden left in your care by us, the Law directs that they shall be set up at and not sold under their last valuation by Assessment.

Inclosed you have an Advertisement of the terms, you'll be pleas'd to affix a date allowing two or three weeks notice and distribute several Copys into the most Public places in Talbot and the two neighbouring Counties, you will be pleasd to transmit to us by the first safe opportunity the sums paid down and also the Bonds drawing from the whole one ℔ C^t for your trouble, which we think too little, tho' we are not authorized to give more.

We are directed by Law not to separate Husbands from their wives nor parents from their children in the Sale of British Property, which you will please to observe

P. S. The Exchange between Gold & silver & paper Currency is at this time & place 6½ ℔ c^t

ERRATA.

Page 37, letter of J. W. Archer: for "Gov. Lee" read "Mr. Bullen, D. Q. M. Genl."

Page 103, letter of Francis Marion: for "Gov. Lee" read "Horatio Gates."

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